

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Susquehanna Conference,
HELD AT
Fulton, Oswego Co., N. Y., Sept. 11-15, 1872.

OFFICERS.

President—B. T. ROBERTS.
Secretary—W. Gould. *Assistant*—O. M. Owen.

COMMITTEES.

- On Public Worship*—B. T. Roberts, E. Owen, W. Southworth.
On Statistics—W. Gould, O. M. Owen.
On Education—W. Gould, J. Odell, R. W. Hawkins, H. A. Crouch, R. Coons.
On Publications—M. N. Downing, J. B. Freeland, F. A. Town, W. M. Finch.
On Sunday Schools—B. Winget, D. Dempsey, C. H. Austin, D. J. Robinson.
On Temperance—R. W. Hawkins, W. H. Steegar, E. E. Adams, J. E. Jones.
On Bible Cause—J. Olney, Z. Osborne.
On Collecting Funds for Publishing Minutes—J. W. Searing.
On Claims—W. M. Parry, J. Glen, M. D. McDougal.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The Stationing Committee.
On Examiners on Course of Study—The Stationing Com.

On Division of the Conference—W. Gould, E. Owen, J. H. Branch, J. B. Freeland, M. N. Downing, W. M. Finch, J. D. Osmun, O. V. Kettles.

On Conference Boundaries—W. Gould, E. Owen, J. B. Freeland, W. W. Coon, E. W. Pettys, W. B. Bertels.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Woman's Work in the Church—B. T. Roberts, E. Owen, W. Gould, A. G. Terry, Z. Osborne, J. B. Freeland, D. Dempsey, B. Winget, T. Whiffin, E. Pettys, L. M. Cronk, F. A. Town.

On preparing a plan for raising a fund for Superannuated Preachers—E. Owen, W. Southworth, M. D. McDougal, Z. Osborne, J. H. Branch.

Examiners on Course of Study for Next Year.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

Preliminary Course—B. Winget.

First Year—J. B. Freeland, J. B. Stacy.

Second Year—Z. Osborne, T. Whiffin.

Third Year—W. Southworth, D. Dempsey.

Fourth Year—E. Owen, J. Odell.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

Preliminary Course—C. H. Southworth.

First Year—W. Jones, W. Gould.

Second Year—J. Glen, J. Guyon.

Third Year—A. G. Terry, G. R. Harvey.

Fourth Year—M. N. Downing, W. M. Parry.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this Conference?*

Preachers—J. Olney, M. N. Dowling, W. Gould, J. B. Stacy, Z. Osborne, J. Odell, M. D. McDougal, W. M. Parry, B. Winget, J. B. Freeland, S. H. Bronson, J. W. Sawyer, G. W. Anderson, E. Owen, W. Southworth, J. Glen, T. Whiffin, G. Edwards, D. Dempsey, G. R. Harvey, R. W. Hawkins, T. A. Ross, C. H. Southworth, G. E. Ferrin, W.

H. Steegar, J. Guyon, A. G. Terry, W. W. Warner, W. Gould, S. McVey, L. Kelly, R. Coons, O. M. Owen, W. W. Dickson, A. W. Paul.

Laymen—W. M. Finch, A. J. Moore, L. M. Cronk, A. M. Parks, C. Widler, D. J. Robinson, J. D. Osmun, A. H. Knapp, H. A. Crouch, J. E. Jones, J. R. Waldron, J. H. Branch, S. Pennock, H. Bowers, S. Windsor, A. L. Webb, D. Dexter, J. W. Porter, W. W. Crossman, C. H. Austin, R. Coons, F. Heasty, F. A. Town, W. B. Bertels, G. W. Swingle, A. A. Lord, E. W. Pettys, J. McGlashen, J. McNicholl, J. T. Haviland, J. W. Searing, W. W. Coon, E. E. Adams, O. V. Kettles.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

B. T. Roberts, E. Owen, J. B. Freeland, W. Gould, H. A. Crouch, J. W. Searing, F. A. Town.

3. *What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

Olef V. Kettles, Lafayette H. Robinson, John D. Osmun, George Willard.

4. *Who remain on trial?* None.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Levi Kelly, Rufus Coons, Olin M. Owen, William W. Dickson, Asahel W. Paul, W. Jones and Samuel McVey.*

6. *Who are the Deacons?*

G. E. Ferrin, W. W. Warner, R. Coons,† O. M. Owen,† W. W. Dickson,† A. W. Paul.†

7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

C. H. Southworth, T. A. Ross, George Edwards.

8. *Who have located this year?* None.

9. *Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers?*

S. H. Bronson.

10. *Who have been expelled from the connexion this year?* None.

11. *Who have withdrawn?*

N. Atkins.

12. *Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation, &c.?*

Their characters were each examined and passed.

13. *Who have died this year?* None.

* Bro. Jones was received by transfer from the Genesee F. M. Conference, and Bro. McVey from the Philadelphia Conference of the Protestant Methodist Church.

† Ordained this year.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	MEMBERS.			Loc. Preachers	Sunday Sch'ls.	Scholars.	Officers & Teachers.	Vols. in Lib'ry.	Amount raised for S. School Purposes.	Pastors' Re-ceipts.	Missionary Collections.	Bible Collec-tions.	Superannua-red Collections.	Tract Collec-tions.	Value of Church Prop-erty.
	Full.	Prob.	Total												
Clyde, Rose and Sodus.....	96	15	111	3	2	90	19	230	\$37.50	\$632.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	.....	.....	\$5,000
Webster, Ontario.....	58	4	62	2	2	45	13	100	.....	406.40	2.00	10.70	\$3.26	.....	1,400
Pittsford, B. Basin, Canandaig.	44	3	47	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	486.72	5.00	2.00	2.00	.....	2,000
Penn Yan, Rock Stream.....	15	1	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	244.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Italy, Sparta, Cohocton.....	35	2	37	1	2	50	17	.....	.....	364.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Binghamton, Owego.....	57	8	65	2	1	15	7	293	.....	485.00	2.82	5.00	3.05	.....	12,000
Cortland, Ithaca, Dryden.....	41	4	45	3	1	35	8	30	16.00	275.00	4.15	6.60	8.44	.....	2,300
Summer Hill, Owasco.....	31	15	46	.....	1	20	5	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	800
Gibson, Lindleytown.....	30	3	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	294.32	1.80	.....	.....	.....	3,000
Oil Creek Mission.....	42	53	95	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	577.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chairman's receipts on Clyde and Binghamton Districts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	635.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Syracuse.....	75	12	87	.....	1	25	7	.....	20.00	400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,800
Fulton.....	56	35	91	1	1	20	6	60	10.19	650.00	12.23	4.80	.....	.....	2,000
Chittenango.....	42	11	53	1	1	56	14	50	4.90	245.70	3.25	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Nelson, East Church, Erieville.	26	1	27	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	173.97	3.25	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Smyrna, Norwich.....	46	11	57	2	1	12	5	.....	.....	264.07	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brookfield, Edmeston.....	42	3	45	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	198.70	2.25	.....	1.25	.....	1,000
Smithville, Stockbridge.....	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rome, Lowell, New London...	73	29	102	1	2	80	12	240	45.00	511.50	5.76	1.83	.....	.....	5,000
Black River Mission.....	14	3	17	1	1	10	3	.....	.....	336.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Utica.....	81	5	86	2	1	63	12	183	58.16	600.00	15.30	9.61	3.91	3.97	5,000
Frankfort, Schuyler.....	45	9	54	1	2	87	27	150	26.50	460.65	5.00	1.55	.....	.....	.....
Oppenheim.....	12	2	14	1	3	70	21	.....	5.75	81.50	.50	.50	.35	.....	500

Grafton.....	15	4	19	1	1	64	8	260	.....	52.00	4.25	4.38	.....	.....	.....
Lansingburg.....	17	6	23	1	1	41	6	102	10.00	507.00	2.00	.....	.....	2,000	.....
Saratoga Springs.....	26	3	29	1	1	15	4	206	25.00	409.96	3.44	.88	.....	5,000	.....
Greenfield, Corinth.....	20	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chairman's receipts on Syr'cuse and Saratoga Districts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	519.87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth City, Dover, Rahway.	61	22	83	1	3	60	14	60	15.00	663.37	5.00	3.00	3.20	.....	6,000
Schoharie.....	8	4	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	203.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkesbarre.....	48	16	64	6	1	30	10	300	10.00	739.00	2.20	.....	2.40	.....	300
Canaan, Lennox, Beach Pond..	38	8	46	3	3	108	19	468	.....	283.00	5.10	.....	.....	.....	1,600
Windsor, Sandford.....	62	4	66	3	1	54	10	165	20.00	470.00	5.00	5.25	.....	.....	6,100
Bainbridge, Sydney, Unadilla.	5	1	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300
Delaware.....	25	14	39	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty.....	40	1	41	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	294.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Windham.....	31	5	36	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	275.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	500
Philadelphia, Vineland.....	23	2	25	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	825.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York.....	62	16	78	4	1	54	8	500	24.25	930.50	5.00	4.50	6.75	.....	20,000
Brooklyn.....	40	11	51	2	1	80	13	85	90.00	890.00	3.30	2.50	.....	.....	.....
Riverhead, Greenport.....	26	2	28	1	1	12	4	34	5.00	458.99	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,050
Whitehaven, Allentown, etc...	56	23	79	2	5	87	21	135	38.84	344.47	13.76	6.96	2.70	.....	.....
Waterbury Mission.....	7	.....	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chairman's receipts on N. York and Windsor Districts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	898.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,.....	1578	371	1949	63	41	1283	293	3651	462.09	17239.32	126.61	85.56	37.25	3.97	88,150

14. *What is the number of Church members, &c.?*

See Table of Statistics.

15. *What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, &c.?*

See Reports on Claims, and Missionary Appropriations.

16. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, &c.?*

See Statistics, and Reports on Claims and Missionary Appropriations.

17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

See Stations of the Preachers.

18. *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*

If the Conference is not divided, at Dover, Morris Co., New Jersey, on the second Wednesday in September, 1873, at 9 A. M. If the Conference is divided, the Susquehanna Conference shall meet at Rome, Oneida Co., N. Y., at the same date; and the East Susquehanna, at Dover, Morris Co., N. J., on the first Wednesday in September, 1873, at 9 A. M.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. The Conference was called to order by the General Superintendent, on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 9 A. M.

2. On the calling of the roll, 22 preachers responded; and laymen's credentials from 22 circuits were presented.

3. The Secretary was elected by ballot; 43 voted: W. Gould receiving 39 votes, was declared elected; R. W. Hawkins received 2, and E. Owen 1.

4. Conference met each morning at 8-30, after the first day; and adjourned at 12 M. On Saturday afternoon, sittings were held at 1-30, 5-15 and 10-15 P. M.

5. A. F. Curry, of the Genesee Conference, and L. Bailey, of the Illinois, were introduced and elected to honorary seats.

6. A memorial was received from the New York District Quarterly Conference, on the subject of Woman's Work in the Church, which was referred to the committee.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

7. It was resolved to employ all Chairmen elected by this Conference fully in District work.

It was further resolved, to elect three Chairmen on a joint ballot.

Conference balloted once, with the following result: 57 joint ballots cast, 55 containing three names, the remainder having only two.

E. Owen received 50, W. Gould 48, J. B. Freeland 43, and were declared elected. The other votes were distributed as follows: M. N. Downing 18, Z. Osborne 2, W. Southworth 2, A. F. Curry 1, J. Glen 1, W. Jones 1, M. D. McDougal 1, J. Odell 1.

CASE OF N. ATKINS.

8. When, under the 12th Question, the name of N. Atkins was called, E. Owen, his Chairman, reported, that some time previous to the meeting of Conference, complaints had been made against him, (Bro. A.,) but that no formal charges had been served on him; some correspondence ensued, in the progress of which, Bro. Atkins wrote, stating that he withdrew from the F. M. Church.

Conference ordered his name to be entered as withdrawn.

TRANSFERS.

9. Rev. Wm. Jones was received by transfer from the Genesee Conference. He is in Elder's orders.

Rev. Samuel McVey was received from the Protestant Methodist Church, (Philadelphia Conf.) He is in Elder's orders.

R. W. Hawkins was transferred to the Genesee F. M. Conference.

DIVISION OF THE CONFERENCE.

10. The New York, Windsor, Saratoga, and Syracuse Districts, having, in their Quarterly Conferences, voted to request the Annual Conference to take steps to secure a division of the said Conference, committees were appointed, and their reports were adopted. See Reports Nos. 1 and 2.

The Committee on Boundaries, having left blanks where the Conference names occur in their report, Conference filled them, by inserting the names as found in said report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

11. The following paper was unanimously adopted by the Conference, and a copy ordered to be sent to each of the Conferences named :

The Susquehanna Annual Conference to the Genesee, Michigan and Illinois Annual Conferences, greeting :

DEAR BRETHREN:—The General Conference of 1870, having failed to record an election of members of the Executive Committee, as provided for in our discipline, sec. v., page 44, par. 1: And as a necessity exists for action by said committee; we respectfully request you to concur with us in adopting a resolution, a copy of which is herewith submitted, viz :

Resolved, That we, the members of the Susquehanna Annual Conference do hereby agree, provided the Genesee, Michigan and Illinois Conferences concur, to recognize the following brethren, elected for the purpose by the Conferences of 1870, as the Executive Committee of the Free Methodist Church, to-wit :

For the Susquehanna Conference, E. Owen, L. Woodruff.

For Genesee Conference, A. F. Curry, J. R. Annis.

For Michigan Conference, J. Ellison, J. Jones.

For Illinois Conference, J. Travis.

N. B.—We presume that the above named brethren can constitutionally exercise the office of said committee, by virtue of the commonly recognized principle; that "All officers in ecclesiastical bodies hold their positions until their successors are appointed. But it seems to us that a mutual consent of the Conferences which elected the members of the General Conference, will remove all possible difficulty in the case.

Signed on behalf of the Conference.

B. T. ROBERTS, *President.*

W. GOULD, *Secretary.*

ORDINATIONS.

12. On Sunday, Sept. 15th, at the close of the morning service, the following brethren were ordained *Deacons*, by the imposition of the hands of B. T. Roberts, the President: Rufus Coons, William W. Dickson, Olin M. Owen, Asahel W. Paul and W. B. Bertles.

At the close of the afternoon service the following brethren were ordained *Elders*, by the laying on of the hands of B. T. Roberts and of several of the Elders present: Charles H. Southworth, Thomas A. Ross and George Edwards.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

13. The following brethren conducted devotional exercises at the opening of the Conference sittings: B. T. Roberts first sitting, C. H. Austin second, J. B. Stacy third, L. Bailey fourth and J. Olney fifth.

Sermons were preached in the F. M. Church each afternoon and evening during the sessions of Conference, and morning, afternoon and evening on the Sabbath. Ministers of the Conference occupied the pulpits of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Universalist churches of the village, morning and evening on the Sabbath, by invitation.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS.

O. V. Kettles was recommended by the New York District to be received on trial. George Willard recommended by the Clyde District to be received on trial. L. H. Robinson and J. D. Osmun were recommended by the Binghamton District to be received on trial. W. B. Bertels and L. Woodruff were recommended by the Windsor District, for *Deacons* orders.

Lewis M. Cronk presented credentials certifying his ordination as a *Deacon* in the M. E. Church. Samuel F. Webber as an *Elder* in the Baptist Church. And Benjamin F. Inman, as a *Deacon* in the Protestant Methodist Church. Their orders were recognized.

14. George Edwards was required to be examined next year on those parts of the fourth year's course of Study, on which he was not examined this year, in consequence of his not having been able to procure the needed text books.

STATIONS OF THE PREACHERS.

SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION.

CLYDE DISTRICT.—J. B. FREELAND, *Chairman*.

Clyde, Rose and Sodus,.....W. Southworth.
 Port Byron and Montezuma,.....J. D. Osmun.
 Webster and Ontario,.....G. Willard.
 Pittsford, Bushnell's Basin and Canandaigua, I. Whiffin, L. M.
 Cronk, Supply.
 Italy, Penn Yan and Rock Stream,.....J. W. Sawyer.
 Cohocton and Sparta,.....J. B. Stacy.

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.—J. B. FREELAND, *Chairman*.

Binghamton and Owego,.....B. Winget.
 Gibson and Lindleytown,.....L. Kelly.
 Cortland, Ithaca and McGrawville,.....J. Odell.
 Summer Hill,.....A. W. Paul.
 Smyrna, Otselec and Pharsalia,.....S. McVey.
 Columbus, Sherburne and Norwich,.....Supplied by H. Terrill.
 Edmeston and Brookfield,.....Supplied by D. Colgrove.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT.—E. OWEN, *Chairman*.

Syracuse,.....O. M. Owen.
 Fulton,.....Z. Osborne.
 Chittenango,.....J. Olney.
 Nelson, Stockbridge and Erieville,.....To be Supplied.
 Rome and New London,.....E. P. Sellew.
 Black River Mission,.....D. Dempsey.

SARATOGA DISTRICT—E. OWEN, *Chairman*.

Utica,.....To be Supplied.
 Frankfort and Schuyler,.....M. D. McDougal.
 Oppenheim,.....L. D. Robinson.
 Saratoga Springs and Schuylerville,.....W. W. Warner.
 Greenville and Corinth,.....W. H. Steegar.
 Lansingburg,.....W. W. Dickson.
 Grafton,.....Supplied by A. B. Burdick.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION.

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—W. GOULD, *Chairman*.

New York, 37th street,.....M. N. Downing.
 New York, Grand street,.....To be Supplied.
 Brooklyn,.....To be Supplied.

Riverhead and Greenport,.....R. Coons.
 Waterbury Mission,.....To be Supplied.
 Rahway, Dover and Phillipsburg, W. M. Parry, G. E. Ferrin, one
 to be Supplied.
 Philadelphia,.....J. Glen.
 Allentown, Emaus and Saucon Valley,.....To be Supplied.
 Vineland,.....“ “

WINDSOR DISTRICT.—W. GOULD, *Chairman*.

Wilkesbarre and Whitehaven,...G. Edwards, one to be Supplied.
 Canaan and Beech Pond,.....G. R. Harvey.
 Abington and Lennox,.....C. H. Southworth.
 Windsor and Harpersville,.....W. Jones.
 Bainbridge, Sydney and Unadilla,.....To be Supplied.
 Delaware,.....Supplied by J. Tamblyn.
 Liberty,.....A. G. Terry.
 Windham,.....O. V. Kettles.
 Schoharie,.....J. Guyon.
 S. H. Bronson, Superannuated, member of Windsor District, Q.
 Conference.

Thomas A. Ross to be appointed by the President. R. H.
 Hawkins transferred to the Genesee F. M. Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Following were adopted by the Conference :

1. ON CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.—*Resolved*, That all Chairmen
 of Districts, elected by this Conference, shall be employed fully
 in District labors.

2. ON CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.—*Resolved*, That during the
 coming year we will take up the following collections, on all our
 circuits, and in the order indicated, wherever practicable :

Bible collections during the Second Quarter.

Missionary	“	“	“	Third	“
Superannuated	“	“	“	Fourth	“

3. ON APPROPRIATION OF BIBLE MONEY.—*Resolved*, That the
 Bible Money now collected, be paid to the American Bible Society,
 by Samuel Irwin, in such a way as to secure life memberships
 in said Society, to Z. Osburne, J. Olney and J. Glen.

4. ON THE FORMATION OF A MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.—*Re-
 solved*, That we concur in the formation of a Minnesota Confer-
 ence, provided the Executive Committee and General Superin-
 tendant, deem it best for the promotion of the work of God.

5. ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—*Resolved*, That we will
 publish our Minutes in connection with those of the other Con-
 ferences held this fall ; and that the money now collected for that
 purpose, be paid to B. T. Roberts, as publisher.

6. ON CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.—*Resolved*, That all candidates for examination on the course of study, and all examiners on the same, be requested to be present, at the seat of Conference at 9 A.M., one day previous to its sitting next year.

7. VOTE OF THANKS.—*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the citizens of Fulton and its vicinity, for their kindness in entertaining the Conference during its present session.

REPORTS.

I.—ON DIVIDING THE CONFERENCE.

Your Committee recommend the Conference, to petition the Executive Committee, for a division of the territory embraced within its bounds, at as early a date as possible.

II.—ON BOUNDARIES.

We recommend, that the Executive Committee be requested to divide the territory embraced in the Susquehanna Conference, by the following line, viz :

Beginning at the mouth of the Susquehanna River, at Chesapeake Bay, and continuing along said river to Muncy, on the West Branch of the same ; thence by a direct course to the East Branch of said river, at North Towanda ; thence along said East branch to Binghamton, N. Y. ; and thence along the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad to the Hudson River.

All the territory east of said line, and also all cities, towns and villages, immediately upon, or adjacent to the same, excepting Binghamton, Owego, and such as lie between, also the City of Albany ; shall be included in a Conference, to be called and known as the East Susquehanna Conference.

All the territory to the north and west of said line, and lying between it and the eastern boundary of the Genesee Conference, shall be called and known as the Susquehanna Conference.

The said Susquehanna Conference, shall not include such cities, towns and villages, as are situated upon, or immediately adjacent to the aforesaid boundary line ; excepting Owego, Binghamton, together with such as lie between, also the City of Albany.

III.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, God has made childhood and youth, the most impressive periods of human life ; it therefore becomes the Church of God, early to impress and pre-occupy their minds with religious truths and influences.

The kind acts of our Saviour toward these, and the specific provisions made for them in the economy of our holy religion, are guarantees to all who labor in that department, that a gracious Providence superintends all such efforts, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, for their present and eternal salvation.

While the heroic efforts of Reformers and Philanthropists, for the recovery of the lost and abandoned, have received the applause of myriads, the wisdom of coming time will bestow greater praise on those, who shall labor for the prevention of crime, who turn the young heart to the claims and service of Him who purchased their salvation by His own precious blood, and teach every child early to understand, that

“A flower when offered in the bud,
Is no vain sacrifice.”

Nurseries for religious training give more hope to the world, than prisons to restrain, or societies to reform. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. It behooves the Church, and especially the parents of the Church, to impress, at the earliest dawn of consciousness, upon every child, an abhorrence of sin, and a love for that which is pure and good; and to accomplish this, to lay hold upon every facility within their reach.

Resolved, 2d. It is the duty of the preachers to use their influence to form as many Sabbath Schools on their respective charges as practicable; and to preach expressly to the children, on all suitable occasions; and

Resolved, 3d. That this Conference, which is extending the circulation of our own periodicals, will also labor to furnish the children and youth, pure religious reading, more immediately under their own supervision, at the earliest *period practicable*.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

Education, in its comprehensive sense, includes that kind of instruction which develops most perfectly the physical and moral, as well as the mental powers of man. The natural desire for brilliancy of intellect, has led to the error of developing the mind, while neglecting the heart; often at the expense of health, and sometimes of life. In the training of the young, there should be that instruction given, which would lead to a respect for, and an obedience to God's natural laws, thereby laying the foundation for a sound mind, and a pure heart; and such a recognition of the superiority of moral culture to mere intellectual attainment as will bring all the powers of mind and body, into the service of our higher spiritual nature.

It is encouraging to know that these truths are being more generally accepted and put into practice.

Our school at North Chili, combines these elements in a greater degree than any other institution within our knowledge, and therefore commends itself to the support and patronage of all who desire to obtain for themselves or their children, that which it is the aim of the institution to promote,—a sound, thorough, Christian education.

The present session opens with encouraging prospects of increased success. The board of instruction has been enlarged, by the addition of Clark Jones, A. B., as the Associate Principal; a man of finished education, and excellent ability as a teacher.

The school property is valued at \$14,000, all of which has been paid, except \$2000. This indebtedness is covered by subscriptions, which will probably be paid. Some of them have been, and may still be, for a time delayed. In the mean time, we pray that God may put it into the hearts of His saints, to do what they can, not only to liquidate the present indebtedness, but to contribute a fund that shall greatly increase its facilities, and assist to make it, by the blessing of God, a praise and a glory in our land.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

As a Church, we believe we are not as fully engaged in the work of publishing and circulating, a pure and thoroughly religious literature, as we ought to be.

We believe God has raised us up, "to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints," thus spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands. In doing this, we are too content with preaching the truth from the pulpit. We should be more fully engaged in preaching it by the press also.

For this we have providential openings. The columns of the *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian*, are thrown open to us. These are the religious, and very efficient organs of our Church. Through them we can declare the whole counsel of God; and by extensively increasing their circulation, we can very materially aid the accomplishment of our mission in the earth. In many instances the reading of these papers, has resulted in a breaking out of the work of God, in regions beyond the field of our personal labors, as well as in increasing and strengthening the work where already begun.

We were well satisfied with the *Free Methodist*, while under the management of its former editor, Bro. Joseph Mackey, and believe it would not have changed hands, had the Church throughout, fully rallied to its support. But though such a change has taken place, we will not, as a Conference, desert the enterprise.

We hereby express our satisfaction with the general appearance and tone of the paper under its present management; and do also pledge ourselves to more zealously seek to extend its circulation, and that of the *Earnest Christian*.

We received with much pleasure, a visit from Bro. Lewis Bailey, the present editor of the *Free Methodist*, and are gratified to receive from him the following statements, relative to the paper:

"Present circulation, 3,200, in 31 States, and in Canada. Net gain since the transfer, 600, or at the rate of 25 per cent. per annum, on the circulation of last January. To this the Susquehanna Conference has contributed its full share.

With careful economy, and a well paid up subscription, the paper will be now fairly self-sustaining. Praise God!

Its wants. Our best writers should write more regularly and frequently. Original articles on Sunday Schools, and for youths, are in especial demand.

The current expenses for this year have been met thus far; but all dues will be immediately wanted."

VI.—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The American Bible Society has done, and is doing a good work, for which we thank God. We recognize the Bible as the great light God has sent into our world, to reveal unto us the great and glorious plan of salvation through His Son. In circulating and diffusing this light, we are working for God, and advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth; hence the Bible cause presents its claims forcibly to every lover of humanity.

Resolved, That we will continue to co-operate with the American Bible Society, by taking up collections on all our charges, during the coming year.

VII.—ON TEMPERANCE.

In reply to the repeated inquiry, "What shall be done to stay the tide of intemperance?" We declare it to be our increased conviction, that the great and effectual means to this end, is the spread of that Gospel, which changes the hearts of men and enables them by the grace of God to "add to their faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance. And that while we recognize in every philanthropic effort, which may be the means of rescuing, even one poor creature from its blighting curse, yet we believe it to be our special duty, as ministers and Christians, to promote this result, by laboring more effectually to bring to bear upon the mind and conscience of every man, the "Blessed Gospel of the grace of God." Therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves, from this time forth renewedly, "to strive for the mastery," by being "temperate in all things," and to preach, pray, and labor more earnestly than ever, to rescue and save the fallen, by warning every man, and teaching every man, in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

VIII.—ON CLAIMS.

Resolved, That the money, (\$33,24) now on hand, be paid to sister Selby, our only claimant, being a deficiency of \$66,74.

Resolved, 2d. That this Conference adopt a plan, similar to one now in operation in the Illinois Conference, for creating a fund, by donations and bequests, for the support of superannuated preachers, minister's widows and children.

Resolved, 3d. That this Conference appoint a committee of five, to prepare such a plan for the adoption of the Conference, and report at its next annual session.

IX.—ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Received at this Conference,	\$126 61
Paid on appropriations of last Conference,	125 00

Balance,	\$ 1 61
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Resolved, That the above balance be paid to A. G. Terry, and that the following appropriations be made for next year.

Philadelphia Circuit,.....	\$ 50 00
Oppenheim, "	25 00
Saratoga Springs Circuit,.....	25 00
Lansingburg "	15 00
Summer Hill "	25 00
Smyrna "	10 00
Cohocton "	15 00
Total,.....	\$165 00

WILLIAM GOULD,
Secretary of the Conference.

CONFERENCE ROLL, AND PREACHERS' POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Wh'n ad't'd to full con. in the F.M. Minist'y.	Name.	Post Office.	County.	State.
1860,	A. G. Terry,	Liberty	Sullivan,	New York,
1862,	J. Olney,	Chittenango,	Madison,	" "
1863,	W. Jones,	Windsor,	Broome,	" "
"	W. Gould,	Allentown,	Lehigh,	Pennsylvania.
"	M. N. Downing,	W. 37 st., N. Y.,	New York,	New York.
1865,	J. B. Stacy,	North Cohocton,	Steuben,	" "
"	Z. Osburne,	Fulton,	Oswego,	" "
1866,	J. Odell,	Cortland,	Cortland,	" "
"	W. D. McDougal,	Frankfort,	Herkimer,	" "
1867,	W. M. Parry,	Dover,	Morris,	New Jersey.
"	B. Winget,	Binghamton,	Broome,	New York.
"	J. B. Freeland,	Cortland,	Cortland,	" "
1868,	S. H. Bronson,	Uniondale,	Susquehanna,	Penn.
"	J. W. Sawyer,	Italy Hill,	Yates,	New York.
"	E. P. Sellew,	Rome,	Oneida,	" "
1869,	E. Owen,	E. Boston,	Madison,	" "
"	W. Southworth,	Rose,	Wayne,	" "
"	J. Glen,	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,	Penn.
"	T. Whiffin,	Pittsford,	Monroe,	New York.
"	G. Edwards,	Wilkesbarre,	Luzerne,	Penn.
"	D. Dempsey,	Black River,	Jefferson,	New York.
1870,	G. R. Harvey,	Beach Pond,	Wayne,	Penn.
"	T. A. Ross,			
"	C. H. Southworth,	East Benton,	Luzerne,	Penn.
1871,	G. E. Ferrin,	Rahway,	Union,	N. J.
"	W. H. Steegar,	Corinth,	Saratoga,	New York.
"	J. Guyon,	Breakabeen,	Schoharie,	" "
"	W. W. Warner,	Saratoga Spr'gs,	Saratoga,	" "
1872,	Samuel McVey,	North Pharsalia,	Chenango,	" "
"	L. Kelley,	Gibson,	Steuben,	" "
"	R. Coons,	Riverhead,	Suffolk,	" "
"	O. M. Owen,	Syracuse,	Onondaga,	" "

1872.	W. W. Dickson,	Lansingburg,	Rennselaer,	New York.
"	A. W. Paul,	Summer Hill,	Cayuga,	" "
On trial,				
1872,	O. V. Kettles,	Windham Cent.,	Green,	" "
"	L. H. Robinson	Oppenheim,	Fulton,	" "
"	J. D. Osmun,	Port Byron,	Cayuga,	" "
"	Geo. Willard,	Ontario,	Monroe,	" "

Names and Post Office Address of Local Preachers.

Name.	Post Office.	County.	State
John Carver, *	Susquehanna,	Susquehanna,	Penn.
Lucien Woodruff,	Windsor,	Broome,	New York.
C. W. Stevens,	North Chili,	Monroe,	" "
E. W. Pettys,	Bainbridge,	Chenango,	" "
G. Brazee,	Harvard,	Delaware,	" "
E. F. Dewey, †	Harvard,	"	" "
F. M. Williams, †	Walton,	"	" "
S. Barny, *	Monticello,	Sullivan,	" "
W. B. Bertles, †	Wilksbarre,	Luzerne,	Penn.
H. H. Pease,	"	"	" "
Asa Pembleton,	"	"	" "
I. D. Pembleton,	"	"	" "
L. Bill,	"	"	" "
J. H. Caton,	"	"	" "
I. A. Baldwin, *	Beach Pond,	Wayne,	" "
G. W. Swingle,	South Canaan,	"	" "
J. M. Hobbs,	Glenwood,	Susquehanna,	" "
D. S. Beardsley,	51 W. 44th st. N.Y.,	New York,	New York
J. B. Smith,	New York,	" "	" "
G. Eakins,	North Chili,	Monroe,	" "
J. Grey,	New York,	New York,	" "
J. A. Sommerville,	Waterbury,	Litchfield,	Connecticut.
John Gimson,	"	"	" "
Sydney Downs,	Riverhead,	Suffolk,	New York.
R. Warren,	12th st., bt. 3d & 4th Avenue,	Brooklyn, Kings Co.	N.Y.
Geo. Robson,	5th Avenue,	Brooklyn, Kings Co.,	N. Y.
J. P. Haviland, *	Rahway,	Union,	New Jersey.
L. Cook,	Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,	Penn.
H. Overing,	1204 Moore st., Philadelphia,	Philadelphia,	"
J. Kanaus,	Emaus,	Lehigh,	Penn.
H. Reinsmith,	"	"	" "
John Downing, *	Alton,	Wayne,	New York.
L. L. Barrett,	"	"	" "
Geo. Milen,	Loch Berlin,	"	" "
J. Fulford,	Fayetteville,	Onondaga,	" "
L. R. Hough,	Windham Centre,	Greene.	" "
D. Barlow,	" "	Greene,	" "
D. D. White,	Clarksville;	Otsego,	" "

D. Walling,	Cooperstown,	Otsego,	New York.
H. Dexter,	Black River,	Jefferson,	" "
R. S. Bronson, †	Erieville,	Madison,	" "
O. B. Norton,	Morrisville,	"	" "
O. W. Young,	East Schuyler,	Herkimer,	" "
L. W. Crouk, †	Victor,	Ontario,	" "
A. J. Cady,	Canandaigua,	"	" "
W. M. Sullivan,	Ithaca,	Tompkins,	" "
E. Osmun,	Ithaca,	"	" "
J. P. Soul,	Wilseyville,	Tioga,	" "
C. H. Austin, *	Ilion,	Herkimer,	" "
R. M. Snyder,	Dansville,	Livingston,	" "
J. Brown, *	Utica,	Oneida,	" "
J. Downard, †	Utica,	"	" "
A. H. Knapp,	Gibson,	Steuben,	" "
B. F. Stoutenberg, †	Binghamton,	Broome,	" "
G. S. Severson,	Campville,	Tioga,	" "
B. A. Inman, †	Rome,	Oneida,	" "
A. L. Holliday, †	Otselie,	Chenango,	" "
J. Benedict, †	Plymouth,	"	" "
S. F. Webber, *	Fulton,	Oswego,	" "
{ H. Terrill,	Sherburne,	Chenango,	} New York.
{ D. Colgrove, †	Edmeston,	Otsego,	
{ A. B. Burdick, *	Quackenille,	Renselar,	
{ J. Pamblya,	Harvard,	Delaware,	
{ E. E. Adams,	Phillipsburg,	Warren,	

NOTE.—Those marked thus, * are in Elders' orders; those marked thus, † are in Deacon's orders. The last five enclosed in brackets, are acting as Supplies.

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Genesee Conference,
HELD AT
Rushford, Allegany Co., N. Y., Sept. 18-23, 1872.

OFFICERS.

President—B. T. ROBERTS.
Secretary—W. Jackson. *Assistant*—M. C. Burritt.

The Thirteenth Session of the Genesee Annual Conference convened at Rushford, N. Y., Wednesday, September 18th, 1872, at 9 o'clock, A. M. General Superintendant in the chair.

The Conference was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

The roll was called and nearly all the preachers responded to their names, and twenty lay delegates were admitted to seats in the Conference.

W. Jackson was elected *Secretary*, by ballot, and M. C. Burritt *Assistant*.

The following Committees were appointed :

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, I. C. White, C. D. Brooks.

On Missions—Stationing Committee.

On Education—A. F. Curry, B. T. Roberts, Jno. Walton, Thos. Sully, C. Brainard.

Sunday Schools—W. Manning, O. O. Bacon, R. M. Paul, H. Pulis, S. K. J. Chesbrough, G. F. Hammond.

On Claims—G. W. Coleman, C. Brainard, M. N. Velzy.

Bible Cause—M. C. Burritt, T. Corliss, G. W. Humphrey.

On Temperance—A. H. Green, T. B. Catton, C. Wiltse, Alvin Paige, A. B. Mathewson.

On Publications—W. Jackson, Levi Wood, Addison H. Bennett, N. A. Bennett.

To Publish the Minutes—Secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Minutes—M. E. Brown.

On Secret Societies—A. F. Curry, J. W. Reddy, T. Corliss.

To Distribute Mail—A. B. Mathewson.

To Appoint Committees on Examination—B. T. Roberts, G. W. Humphrey.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this Conference?*

Preachers—B. T. Roberts, A. F. Curry, J. W. Reddy, E. Herrick, A. Abel, L. Wood, C. D. Brooks, J. C. Thomas, O. O. Bacon, W. Manning, G. W. Humphrey, A. H. Green, G. W. Marcellus, W. Jones, H. Hornsby, W. Jackson, G. W. Coleman, J. W. McAlpine, F. J. Ewell, M. E. Brown, I. C. White, T. B. Catton, M. C. Burritt, Jno. Robinson, E. P. Sellew, A. A. Burgess, A. B. Mathewson, W. H. Trerise, A. N. Moore, C. C. Eggleston.

Delegates—Claudius Brainard, Henry Pulis, Tristram Corliss, Simon Witmere, M. N. Velzy, Cornel Wiltse, Dewey Tefft, Geo. F. Hammond, Jno. Sherwood, W. G. Oaks, N. A. Bennett, Thomas Allen, C. H. Clement, Alvin Paige, Addison H. Bennett, John Walton, Thomas Sully, Alanson K. Bacon, Ruel M. Paul, Benoni Conley, W. A. Sellew, Thos. Hogg, Edwin Carr, David Warner.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

B. T. Roberts, L. Wood, G. W. Coleman, A. Abell, C. D. Brooks, C. Brainard, T. Corliss, M. N. Velzy, Dewey Tefft.

3. *What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

Nathaniel H. Brown, William Ingleby.

4. *Who remain on trial?*

G. H. Joslyn, S. K. J. Chesbrough.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

A. N. Moore, W. H. Trerise, C. C. Eggleston.

6. *Who are the Deacons?*

S. K. J. Chesbrough, A. A. Burgess, A. B. Mathewson,
W. H. Trerise,* A. N. Moore,* C. C. Eggleston,* G. H.
Joslyn.*

7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*
None.

8. *Who have located this year?* None.

9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

E. Herrick, H. Hornsby.

10. *Who have been expelled?* None.

11. *Who have withdrawn?* None.

12. *Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

Their names were all called, and their characters separately
examined, and passed.

13. *Who have died this year?* None.

14. *What is the number of churches, members, &c.?* (See
Statistics.)

15. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated
Preachers?* Ans. Two hundred dollars.

16. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts?* (See
report on claims.)

17. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?* (See
appointments.)

18. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

At Perry, Wyoming Co., on the third Thursday in Sep-
tember, 1873.

APPOINTMENTS.

GENESEE DISTRICT.—J. W. REDDY, *Chairman*.

Rochester.....	R. W. Hawkins.
Parma, Chili and Clarkson,.....	J. W. Reddy, Jno. Robinson.
Kendall,.....	G. W. Marcellus.
Sweden and Brockport,.....	N. H. Brown.
Albion and Gaines,.....	W. Jackson.
Yates and Carlton,.....	Levi Wood.
German Mission,.....	J. C. Thomas.
A. Abel,.....	Conference Evangelist.
H. Hornsby,.....	Superannuated.

*Ordained this year.

STATISTICS OF GENESEE CONFERENCE.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.												No. Members.	No. Probation- ers.	Total.	Loc. Preachers.	S. Schools.	S. S. Scholars and Officers.	Missionary Col- lections.	Superannuated Collections.	Bible Cause Col- lections.	Preachers' Re- ceipts.	Deficiency from Claims.	Probable Value of Church Property.	Probable Value of Parsonages.
Albion and Gaines	W. Jackson	170	17	187	3	3	165	\$40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$800.00	.....	\$12,000	\$5,000
Rochester	G. W. Humphrey	35	10	45	1	1	57	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	650.00	.....	5,000	.....
Akron and Alden	J. W. McAlpine	57	2	59	2	1	20	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	.....	2,200	.....
Buffalo	S. K. J. Chesbrough	72	18	90	1	1	100	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800.00	.....	10,000	.....
Mt. Morris and Groveland	W. B. Partridge	24	8	32	1	1	15	4.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	325.00	.....	5,500	.....
Tonawanda, &c.	G. H. Joslyn	60	2	62	2	1	20	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	330.00	.....	4,000	300
Knapps' Creek	C. C. Eggleston	19	3	22	1	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165.00	.....	.....	.....
Allegany	O. O. Bacon	80	13	93	2	2	45	16.54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	426.00	.....	7,500	800
Lockport, Pendleton & Newfane	A. B. Mathewson	90	7	97	1	2	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00	.....	7,500	.....
Perry and Burk Hill	F. J. Ewell	70	6	76	4	2	55	20.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	550.00	.....	2,800	1,200
Yorkshire and Cadiz	M. C. Burritt	56	4	60	1	2	40	8.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	310.00	.....	1,500	500
Wales and West Falls	A. A. Burgess	108	44	152	2	3	100	7.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	379.47	\$70.53	2,200	.....
Porter and Wilson	G. W. Coleman	55	1	56	1	1 1/2	40	9.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	.....	3,500	1,500
Yates and Carlton	M. E. Brown	50	4	54	1	1	42	2.26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	410.00	.....	6,000	800
Java	A. H. Greene	76	15	91	3	2	70	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	440.00	60.00	6,000	800
Leroy, Greigsville, &c.	Jno. Robinson	48	5	53	1	2	62	11.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	322.67	.....	7,000	.....
Gowanda and Collins	A. N. Moore	110	20	130	4	2	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	525.00	.....	3,000	.....
East Otto	W. Manning	31	7	38	1	1	25	9.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	501.14	.....	.....	.....
Chaut. Co. Mission	C. D. Brooks	23	15	38	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	249.29	.....	.....	.....
Sweden and Brockport	E. P. Sellow, N. H. Brown	54	15	69	1	2	100	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	392.90	.....	1,000	800
Kendall	G. W. Marcellus	120	20	140	2	2	175	36.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	.....	4,000	800
Gainesville	I. C. White	23	1	24	1	1	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.00	.....	2,000	.....
Rushford	I. C. White	48	6	54	3	1	15	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	330.00	.....	.....	.....
Belmont, Pikeville, &c.	T. C. Catton	68	7	75	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00	.....	2,500	1,000
Parna, Chili and Clarkson	J. W. Reddy, W. H. Trevis	190	30	220	4	5	240	64.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900.00	.....	12,500	3,500
		1737	280	2017	36	40 1/2	1549	\$800.11	\$76.00	\$60.73	\$11,277.17	130.53	\$99,400	\$17,000											

BUFFALO DISTRICT.—G. W. COLEMAN, *Chairman*.

Buffalo,.....W. H. Trerise.
 Lockport, Pendleton and Newfane,.....A. B. Mathewson.
 Porter and Wilson,.....G. W. Coleman.
 Tonawanda and Military Road,.....N. E. Brown.
 Akron and Alden,.....W. B. Pattridge, Supply.
 E. Herrick,.....Superannuated.

WYOMING DISTRICT.—G. W. HUMPHREY, *Chairman*.

Perry and Burk Hill,.....G. W. Humphrey.
 Wales and West Falls,.....I. C. White.
 Java and Gainesville,.....A. A. Burgess.
 Mt. Morris, Groveland, Greigsville } A. N. Moore, G. H. Joslyn.
 Bethany and Leroy, }
 Vineland Mission,.....F. J. Ewell.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT.—C. D. BROOKS, *Chairman*.

Gowanda and Collins,.....J. W. McAlpine.
 East Otto,.....W. Manning.
 Belmont, Pikeville, Caseville, }
 Rushford and Caneadea, ... } T. B. Catton, W. Ingleby.
 Allegany,.....O. O. Bacon.
 Knapp's Creek,.....To be Supplied.
 Cadiz and Yorkshire,.....M. C. Burritt.
 Oil City,.....S. K. J. Chesbrough.
 Dunkirk and Ellington,.....C. D. Brooks.
 Jamestown and Union,.....C. C. Eggleston.
 A. H. Green and E. P. Sellew, to be appointed by the Superintendent.

W. Jones and A. F. Curry, transferred to Susquehanna Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Conference requested, by vote, the Preachers to remain during the passage of their character, unless a vote is necessary to decide their relation.

The following was adopted by the Conference :

Resolved, That the Preachers and delegates on each district, retire after the appointments are read, and nominate their respective chairmen, by ballot.

It was ordered by the Conference that the appointment of E. P. Sellew, be left with the General Superintendent.

At the request of Bro. Burgess, he was allowed to bring up his third year's course of study next year.

The same privilege was granted A. B. Mathewson.

Henry Hornsby and Ephraim Herrick were continued in the Superannuated relation.

W. Jones and A. F. Curry were transferred to the Susquehanna Conference.

The propriety of so arranging the work as to have two Chairmen appointed, to devote their whole time to District work, as provided for in the Discipline, Chap. iii., Sec. 2, Paragraph 5, page 50, in these words:

"To hold Quarterly meetings once in three months in each Circuit within his District, and to labor as an Evangelist within his District, if, in the judgment of the Annual Conference, the cause of God can be best served thereby." And paragraph 12 of the same chap. and sec., page 51. "Whenever, in the judgment of an Annual Conference, the interests of the work of God can be best served thereby, the same person may be Chairman of two Districts at the same time." Was discussed at considerable length, by the Conference. The subject was finally referred to the Quarterly Conferences for their action during the coming year.

Alanson K. Bacon and Nathaniel H. Brown, having been recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Genesee District, as suitable persons to be ordained to the office of Deacon in the Church of God, were elected to the office.

W. B. Pattridge, having been recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Wyoming District, as a suitable person to be ordained to the office of a Deacon, was elected.

Cornel Wiltse, having received a like recommendation from the Allegany District, was also elected.

Jno. Potter and Titus Roberts, having been recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Allegany District, as suitable persons to be ordained to the office of Elder in the Church of God, were elected to the office.

The following resolution was adopted in the course of the discussions of the Conference.

Resolved, That no member of this Conference speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice on any one question that may come before this Conference, without a majority vote.

The following communication and resolution was received from the Susquehanna Conference, and by vote of the Conference was concurred in:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The General Conference of 1870, having failed to record any election of members of the Executive Committee, as provided for in our Discipline, sec. v., par. 1, page 44.

And a necessity exists for action by said committee, we respectfully request you to concur with us in adopting the following *Resolution*: We, the members of the Annual Conferences, viz: Susquehanna, Genesee, Michigan and Illinois, do hereby recognize the following Brethren elected for the purpose, in the Annual Conferences of 1870, as the Executive Committee of the Free Methodist Church.

E. Owen, L. Woodruff, for the Susquehanna.

A. F. Curry, J. R. Annis, " Genesee.

J. Ellison, J. Jones, " Michigan.

J. Travis, " Illinois.

And do also hereby agree to abide by their decision as fully as if they had been appointed by the General Conference,

B. T. ROBERTS, *President*.

W. GOULD, *Secretary*.

The Annual Sermon on the subject of Sabbath Schools, was delivered by Bro. Chesbrough, in the Baptist Church, on Friday evening, a large audience being present.

The sermon was founded on Mark v. 43. The speaker having been many years connected with the S. S. work, spoke largely from experience in regard to the following points: Importance of the work, Qualifications of Superintendents and Teachers, Bible classes, Singing, General conduct of the school, Rewards and Amusements, &c., &c., After the sermon, brief impromptu remarks were made by the following brethren, Jno. Walton, J. W. Reddy, Thos. Sully, W. A. Sellew, L. Bailey, G. W. Humphrey, G. W. Marcellus, A. F. Curry, W. Jackson. The congregation seemed deeply interested in the services to the close. Evidently there is a growing conviction of the importance of the work of God in this department of the Church among our people, and we look for largely increased efforts in the behalf of the children.

The Conference voted to request the American Foreign Bible Society to apply \$30,00 of the monies collected and forwarded to them in payment of a Life Membership for Rev. W. Manning. It also directed that the remaining \$30,00 be applied in a Life Membership for Rev. A. N. Moor.

Rev. L. Bailey, Editor of the Free Methodist, was introduced to the Conference during the first session, and he was by vote of the Conference invited to an honorary seat.

At the request of Bro. Green, the Conference voted to leave his appointment with the General Superintendent.

The Conference ordered that collections for the Superannuated fund be taken on those circuits where none have been taken during the past year, as soon as practicable and forwarded to Rev. G. W. Coleman. (See also report on claims.)

The following in reference to the Chili Seminary was adopted by the Conference.

Resolved, That as a Conference, we shall be pleased to receive from the Trustees of the Chili Seminary, at our Annual Sessions, a financial statement of assets and expenses, and such other information as is calculated to secure the hearty co-operation of all our people in support of the School.

The Conference ordered that Missionary collections be taken as early as practicable, on all our charges, and the amounts forwarded to T. Corliss, Lockport, N. Y. (See also report on Missions.)

The following resolution of thanks was offered and adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the generous hospitality accorded to the members of this Conference, by the citizens of Rushford and vicinity, merits and receives our thanks and best wishes, and prayers for God's abundant blessing to rest upon all the families in which we have been so kindly entertained during the session of this Conference.

The following was also offered and adopted.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to Bro. I. C. White, who has so faithfully and promptly performed the arduous duties devolving upon him during the sessions of the Conference.

On motion, an invitation was extended to Bro. R. W. Hawkins, of the Susquehanna Conference, to take a transfer to this Conference.

The following brethren preached during the Conference at the time and place stated :

Tuesday evening, church occupied by the F. M.'s, G. W. Humphrey.

Wednesday 2 P. M., church occupied by the F. M.'s, W. H. Terise.

Wednesday evening, church occupied by the F. M.'s, J. W. McAlpine.

Thursday, 2 P. M., church occupied by the F. M.'s, G. H. Joslyn.

Thursday evening, church occupied by the F. M.'s, G. W. Coleman.

Friday, 2 P. M., church occupied by the F. M.'s, A. F. Curry.

" evening, Baptist church, S. K. J. Chesbrough.

Saturday, 2 P. M., church occupied by F. M.'s, F. J. Ewell.

On Sabbath, a love feast was held at 9 o'clock, and Bro. B. T. Roberts, the General Superintendent, preached at 10:45, from Hosea x. 12. G. W. Coleman preached at 10.45, in the Baptist church, and L. Wood at the same hour, in the M. E. church. At 2 P. M., Bro. L. Bailey preached in the Baptist church, and Bro. G. W. Humphrey, to a M. congregation at East Rushford. In the evening, Bro. J. W. Reddy preached in the church used by our people. Bro. A. F. Curry preached in the M. E. church, and Bro. G. W. Marcellus in the Baptist church.

At the close of the forenoon service the following brethren were ordained to the office of Deacon: W. H. Trerise, A. N. Moore, Chas. C. Eggleston, N. H. Brown, Geo. H. Joslyn, Alanson K. Bacon,* William B. Pattridge,* Cornel Wiltse.*

At the close of the afternoon service in the Baptist church, Bro. Jno. Potter,* was ordained to the office of Elder.

The appointments were read on Saturday evening about 10. P. M. A brief session was held on Monday morning, at which the Chairmen of the Districts were elected by ballot, and the Conference finally adjourned at about 8:15, A. M.

The following are the

STANDING COMMITTEES.

To secure a legal Incorporation of the Free Methodist Church.—

B. T. Roberts.

S. S. Board.—A. F. Curry, G. W. Humphrey, G. W. Coleman, W. Jackson, W. A. Sellew, M. N. Velzy, T. Corliss, P. H. Curtis.

Recording Secretary of Board.—W. Jackson.

To preach the Annual Sermon next Conference.—J. W. Reddy.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION ON COURSE OF STUDY.

Preliminary.—G. W. Marcellus, M. E. Brown.

First Year.—W. Jackson, T. B. Catton,

Second Year.—M. C. Burritt, J. W. Reddy.

Third Year.—W. Manning, G. W. Humphrey.

Fourth Year.—Levi Wood, G. W. Coleman.

*Local Preachers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON RAISING FUNDS FOR MINUTES.

Reported,.....28 40

II.—ON CLAIMS.

The committee reported that they had received \$76,00, which was paid to E. Herrick. They also recommended that collections be taken as soon as convenient on all those charges where no collections have been taken during the year, and the amounts forwarded to G. W. Coleman, and that he be authorized to pay E. Herrick, therefrom, the balance of his claim, \$142,00.

III.—ON MISSIONS.

The committee reported, receipts,.....\$300 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. C. Eggleston,.....	\$100 00
C. D. Brooks,.....	100 00
G. W. Humphrey,.....	100 00—\$300 11

The Committee recommended that collections be taken as early in the year as practicable and the amounts forwarded to T. Corliss Lockport, N. Y., and that he be authorized to pay therefrom, \$199,89 to Rev. G. W. Humphrey, to re-imburse him for money paid on account of Rochester church property.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1873.

Dunkirk and Ellington Mission,.....	\$100 00
Jamestown and Union,.....	100 00
Knapp's Creek Mission,.....	75 00
To G. W. Humphrey as above,.....	199 89—\$474 89

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

Since our last report, our School at North Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., has been in successful operation. There were in attendance, last winter, over one hundred students. The progress made in their studies was satisfactory—a good religious influence prevailed all through the year, and a number of the students were powerfully converted to God. A deep tone of spirituality prevails, and many of the students give good promise of lives of usefulness—lives wholly consecrated to God. There has been an addition made to the library, during the year, of about three hundred dollars' worth of books. The finances are in a healthy condition, there being enough pledged which is considered reliable, to meet all obligations. The current expenses are kept within the income. A thoroughly qualified Principal—a member of our Church—Mr. Clark Jones, A. B., a graduate of the Michigan University, has entered upon the discharge of his duties, and gives entire satisfaction. Miss E. Johnson, to whose well directed, ar-

duous efforts, the Seminary owes much of its present efficiency, continues as Preceptress. The terms are as low as they can be made and meet the expenses. The whole cost for a student, during the scholastic year of 38 weeks, for tuition, fuel, and board, is only \$125. The Seminary is entitled to the active sympathy, support and patronage, of our people. This Conference has not been behind others in pledges of co-operation, but thus far there has been a manifest failure in their fulfillment. So far most of the money and of the students, have come from abroad. This indifference has begun to excite a doubt, lest possibly, a mistake may have been made in the location. A Seminary should be located among its friends. Should it continue to prosper as it has done, a new building will soon be needed. God has set his seal of approbation upon the Chili Seminary. He is doing a great work through its instrumentality—a work indispensable to our success as a Denomination. The demands made upon us as Christians can not be met without education. A thorough acquaintance with the truths of science lays the foundation for deeper knowledge of the things of God. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications beg leave to report as follows:

We regard the periodical Religious press, as one of the most efficient means of disseminating truth, correcting error, and illustrating and enforcing principles of righteousness. Negligence in supplying our people with sanctified periodical literature, in this age of reading and general intelligence, would not only be failing to make use of one of the most potent means of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom, but would argue great slothfulness in doing the Master's work. We rejoice that *THE FREE METHODIST*, carried on as it is, by private enterprise, and capital, represents so fairly and ably those truths and principles which we as a Church, believe to be vital, many of which are ignored and even scouted by the popular religious press. We are pleased to learn from its editor and proprietor, Rev. L. Bailey, that its present circulation is 3200 in thirty-one States and Canada. There has been a clear gain of 600 since the transfer to the west, or at the rate of 25 per cent. per annum on the circulation of January 1st, 1872.

The editor believes that with economy and a well paid-up subscription, the paper is now self-sustaining. The expenses for this year have been just about met, but the amounts due will be needed to carry the paper to the close of the year. This encouraging report of its finances, we trust will lead our preachers, and the people, to renewed efforts to sustain, and largely increase, its present circulation. Let us labor to see it a weekly visitant in every family in our congregations. Brother Bailey acknowledges with pleasure that from the Genesee Conference a noble support in cheering words and new subscribers, as well as renewals, has been received. He also asks that our more able writers will favor him

more frequently with articles, and that those who can will write for the Youth. The *EARNEST CHRISTIAN*, with its clear and outspoken utterances, and uncompromising stand against all sin, meets, as a Monthly Magazine, a want of the age. Let us not therefore slacken, but increase, our efforts for its more extended circulation.

VI.—S. S. COMMITTEE.

Having taken into consideration the working of the S. S. Board, and having become satisfied that said Board is accomplishing good, we therefore recommend the adoption of their report by the Conference.

VII.—S. S. BOARD.

The S. S. Board, appointed by the last Annual Conference, respectfully present the following report:

During the year, some interest has been manifested throughout the Conference, in the S. S. cause.

A Conference S. S. Convention was held at Le Roy on the 1st and 2d of May. A full report, of said Convention, having been published in the "*Free Methodist*," we deem it unnecessary to make any further allusion to it.

At the Buffalo District Camp-meeting, held at Sanborn, Children's meetings were held every day. They were meetings of great interest. Many children were converted, and others convicted.

On the other Districts, Children's meetings have been held in connection with Quarterly Meetings.

Not having sufficient statistics we cannot report as to the increase or decrease of numbers.

We respectfully recommend the following resolutions:

That the Conference continue the S. S. Board as at present constituted.

That we hold, in connection with our Camp Meeting, daily "Children's Meetings;" also at each General Quarterly meeting we hold at least one such meeting.

That we hold a Conference S. S. Convention, to meet at Buffalo, to commence on the 3d Tuesday evening in March next, and to continue through Wednesday and Thursday. All the traveling preachers are considered members of this Convention, and we request every school to send one delegate to the convention.

That the Recording Secretary, together with the preacher at Buffalo, be a committee to prepare a plan of order of exercises for said convention.

That the Rec. Sec. cause to be printed and distributed, at least two months previous to the next Conference, blanks for S. S. statistics,—to be filled up by the preachers, and mailed to the Secretary at least two weeks before the Conference.

That the Rec. Sec. prepare a report, to be read before the Conference at the annual S. S. meeting, next year.

That we recommend the following laymen be appointed as members of the Board for the coming year : Tristram Corliss, M. N. Velsey, P. H. Curtis, and W. A. Sellaw.

NOTE.—The Conference, after the adoption of the above, filled out the Board by the election of the following preachers : G. W. Humphrey, A. F. Curry, G. W. Coleman, W. Jackson. The last was also elected Recording Secretary of the Board. Rev. J. W. Reddy, was appointed to preach the sermon on S. Schools at the next session.

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Illinois Conference,
HELD AT
Crystal Lake, Ill., Oct. 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 7th, 1872.

OFFICERS.

President—B. T. ROBERTS.

Secretary—W. W. Kelley.

Assistant—D. M. Sinclair.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. T. Roberts, J. W. Dake, C. W. Frink.

On Missions—The Stationing Committee.

On Sunday Schools—M. L. Vorheis, J. G. Terrill, O. P. Rogers.

On Secret Societies—J. Travis, C. E. Harroun, Sr., E. S. Cook.

On Publications—J. G. Terrill, C. E. Harroun, Sr., J. A. Shoemaker.

On Education—J. M. Y. Smith, C. E. Lum, J. W. Dake.

On Temperance—B. F. Doughty, O. P. Rogers, L. Whitney.

On Bible Cause—G. C. Coffee, L. L. Burdick, W. F. Manley.

On Claims—D. M. Sinclair, L. Bailey, D. Reynolds.

On Boundaries—J. Travis, B. T. Roberts, S. Mills, J. M. Cusick.

Tent Committee—B. F. Doughty, C. E. Harroun, Sr., E. A. Kimball.

On Publishing Minutes—The Secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publication of Minutes—G. C. Coffee.

On State of the Work—Chairmen of districts and the General Superintendent.

Committees on Examination.

Preliminary Course—A. Stedwell, T. B. Arnold.

First Year—C. E. Harroun, Sr., G. C. Coffee, J. G. Terrill.

Second Year—W. W. Kelley, B. F. Doughty, D. M. Sinclair.

Third Year—J. Travis, L. Whitney, J. W. Dake.

Fourth Year—C. W. Frink, M. V. Clute, L. Bailey.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this Conference?*

Preachers—J. W. Dake, J. Meade, J. Travis, L. Bailey, J. G. Terrill, J. Buss, M. V. Clute, C. E. Harroun, Sr., Peter Chalmon, W. F. Manley, J. W. Cain, D. M. Sinclair, W. W. Kelley, C. W. Frink, B. F. Doughty, N. Cook, N. E. Parks, W. A. Nobles, J. M. Y. Smith, G. C. Coffee, L. Whitney, D. M. Rose, S. A. Gilley, M. L. Vorheis, E. Z. Thwing, Anson Steadwell, John Wilson, T. S. La Due, C. M. Damon, Wm. Cooley.

Laymen—A. Gifford, S. Walker, J. Craig, F. Pomeroy, J. Anderson, L. Robinson, A. Turner, Thos. Vipond, J. A. Shoemaker, A. Bennett, C. W. Nickerson, C. E. Lum, E. A. Kimball, L. L. Burdick, D. Reynolds, O. P. Rogers, E. S. Cook, M. S. M. West, B. R. Mosher, S. Mills, W. Morrison, J. M. Cusick.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

B. T. Roberts, J. Travis, L. Bailey, O. P. Rogers, L. L. Burdick.

3. *Who are admitted on trial?*

C. E. Harroun, Jr., James Craig.

4. *Who remain on trial?*

T. B. Arnold, Chas. A. Brandt, John Wilson.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

S. A. Gilley, M. L. Vorheis, E. Z. Thwing, Anson Steadwell.

6. *Who are the Deacons?*

N. E. Parks, W. A. Nobles, W. F. Manley, J. W. Cain, S. A. Gilley,* M. L. Vorheis,* E. Z. Thwing.*

Anson Steadwell, was recognized as a Deacon, having been ordained in the M. E. Church.

7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

W. Tyler, ordained Local Elder. Daniel Cross recognized as Local Elder, having been ordained in the M. E. C.

8. *Who have located this year?* None.9. *Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers?*

Judah Meade.

10. *Who have been expelled?* None.11. *Who have withdrawn?* None.12. *Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

Their names were called, and their characters passed, with the exception of Bro. C. H. Underwood, there being complaint against him. His case was referred to a committee of three.†

13. *Who have died this year?* None.14. *What is the number of Church members?* (See table of Statistics.)17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

See Appointments.

18. *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*

At Winnebago, Illinois, the first Wednesday in October.

STATIONS OF THE PREACHERS.

FOX RIVER DISTRICT—LEWIS BAILEY, *Chairman*.

Chicago.....	J. G. Terrill.
Aurora.....	J. M. Y. Smith.
Elgin and Clintonville,.....	M. V. Clute.
St. Charles.....	N. E. Parks.
Geneva and Wheaton.....	J. Craig.
Lodi and Blackberry.....	S. A. Gilley.
Crystal Lake.....	W. W. Kelley.
Marengo.....	M. L. Vorheis.
Belvidere.....	C. W. Frink.

*Ordained this year.

†The committee in the case of Bro. C. H. Underwood, report that our brother Underwood confesses that he has done wrong in the matter of which complaint was made, and begs his brethren in the church to forgive him, assuring them that no consideration could induce him to repeat the course which has been pursued in this case.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.—D. M. SINCLAIR, *Chairman*.

Whitewater.....	D. M. Sinclair.
Deanville, Pierceville and Aztalan.....	E. Z. Thwing.
Beaver Dam and Calamus.....	W. A. Nobles.
Plattville and Martinville.....	Jas. Scott.
New Diggings and Big Patch.....	J. W. Cain.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT.—JOSEPH TRAVIS, *Chairman*.

Winnebago.....	C. E. Harroun.
Freeport and Lena.....	L. Whitney.
Savanna.....	To be Supplied.
Ashton.....	W. F. Manley.
DeWitt.....	Anson Stedwell.
Otter Creek.....	T. B. Arnold.
Waterloo.....	J. W. Dake.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.—JOSEPH TRAVIS, *Chairman*.

Galva, Kewanee, Atkinson and } Sheffield }	G. C. Coffee, C. E. Harroun, Jr.
Jacksonville and Whitehall.....	To be Supplied.
Fairfield.....	J. Buss.
Birmingham and Mt. Zion.....	B. F. Doughty.
Blakesburg and White Oak.....	To be Supplied.
Bear Grove and Guthrie Centre.....	W. W. Stannard, supply.
Sioux City Mission.....	To be Supplied.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the members of the Executive Committee last elected, prior to the General Conference, be recognized as the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the ordination of those preachers who are deficient in their studies, be deferred until they bring up their studies.

Resolved, That in future the preachers in their report of Statistics, report the amount paid to the Chairman of the district.

Resolved, That a committee of six, three ministers and three laymen, be appointed by the Conference, having full discretionary power to secure and appropriate means for the establishment of a School similar to the Chili Seminary, within the bounds of this Conference, provided that said committee are not hereby authorized to involve the Conference in debt.

Resolved, That each chairman be required to report quarterly through *The Free Methodist* a brief statement of the necessities of the missionary fields on his district.

Resolved, That we hold our Conference Missionary Meeting on Saturday afternoon of our next ensuing session.

Resolved, That the uncollected subscriptions to our missions be placed in the hands of our missionary treasurer, to be forwarded by him to the several preachers for collection.

Resolved, That the chairmen of the districts draw on the treasurer to meet the claims on their several districts.

Resolved, That we make a strenuous effort to collect, on every charge, at least one penny a week per member and probationer for missions.

Resolved, That the missionary treasurer be authorized to borrow money sufficient to meet the several claims, if there be a deficiency in the treasury.

Resolved, That the chairman on whose district the tent may be, shall for the time being, be a member of the tent committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Conference by vote, recommended the formation of a Minnesota Conference.

Two chairmen were elected to travel as Evangelists, in their respective districts.

The following committee was appointed by the chairman, as called for in resolution four: L. Bailey, J. Travis, J. G. Terrill, E. A. Kimball, A. W. Wheeler, Truman Gilbert.

Rev. J. Travis and J. P. Corran, were elected trustees of the Benevolent Association of the Free Methodist Church, in place of J. Travis and O. P. Rogers, whose term of office had expired.

O. P. Rogers was elected secretary and treasurer of the Mission Board.

The property belonging to the Conference camp-meeting was turned over to the Fox River District Quarterly Conference, to be held by them until called for.

Those preachers to be examined in the course of study, were required to be present at the seat of the next Conference, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. of the day previous to the sitting of the Conference

A Missionary meeting was held Sunday afternoon; addresses were made by brothers Roberts, Travis, Terrill and Bailey, after which \$135 was collected and subscribed to the Missionary fund.

A unanimous rising vote of thanks was tendered the citizens of Crystal Lake, for their hospitality in entertaining the members of the Conference and visitors.

The time for taking the collections were fixed as follows :

Missionary collection, 1st Quarter.

Superannuated " 2d "

Tract " 3d "

T. S. La Due and C. M. Damon were transferred to the Minnesota Conference. Wm. Cooley was transferred to the Kansas Conference.

The following brethren were invited to honorary seats in the Conference: Rev. Jas. Matthews and Rev. Harry Matthews, of the Kansas Conference. Rev. Jas. Miller, of St. Louis, and L. C. Ehey, Esq., of Jacksonville.

REPORTS.

I.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, The evils of intemperance are still upon us as the great evil of our land, carrying ruin and sorrow in its train, to thousands of otherwise happy families, consigning soul and body to destruction.

Resolved, 1st. That we, as a Christian Church, regard anything that gives aid to, or tolerates the liquor traffic, to not only be in sympathy with the great evil, but accessory to it.

Resolved, 2d. That we oppose the growing of hops, barley or other grains, especially sold for malt liquors, and allow them to go into the liquor market, and that no Christian can knowingly do it.

Resolved, 3d. That we regard the use of tobacco a species of intemperance, and that those who raise, sell, or use it, are not to be tolerated, fellowshiped, or received into the Christian Church, especially the Free Methodist Church.

Resolved, 4th. That we heartily endorse the restrictive liquor laws, recently passed by the Legislatures of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, and pray the Legislatures of every other state to pass similar laws. We recommend that all our preachers, preach at least one sermon at each appointment during the coming year, on the cause, effects and cure of intemperance.

Resolved, 5th. That we petition our next General Conference to add to the requirements on receiving members into the Church and candidates to preach, these words, "Will you abstain from the use of tobacco?"

II.—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following for your adoption :

With gratitude to God, the author of all good, we acknowledge our indebtedness to the influence of the Bible for what we are, nationally, morally and religiously.

In the Bible is revealed the wondrous plan of redemption through Christ. The Saviour said, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." We believe if the world is enlightened and redeemed to God, the Bible must bear a conspicuous part in the great work; therefore,

Resolved, That we will always earnestly pray for the spread of the Bible; also, that we will do what we can this year towards answering our prayers, by co-operating with the Bible Society, or by taking up a collection on our respective charges, and transmit the same to the American Bible Society at New York, for that purpose.

III.—ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We readily concur with your committee of last year, that there is a serious indifference to S. S. work among our preachers and people. As proof, we need only give the statistics of last year in comparison with those of the present year.

Last year the total number of S. Schools reported was.....	39
This " " " " " " " is.....	39
Last " " " " " " " scholars reported	
was.....	1,476

This year the total number of S. S. scholars reported is....1,407

Showing a decrease of 69 scholars during the past year.

There must be fearful responsibility somewhere. Is the S. S. work among us a failure? Such appears to be the fact from the above. And now, with this indifference and the deficiency, resulting from it, staring us in the face, the question presents itself, how shall we succeed in waking up the people on this subject, and making them feel more interest in S. S. Labor?

First—Let us ask ourselves the question, have we been doing our duty? and if not, pray God to forgive us for our negligence and indifference in the past, and solemnly promise to do better in the future.

Second—Let each minister, as soon as he goes to his field of labor, begin in earnest to labor in the S. S.

Third—Let each minister endeavor to hold special meetings for improvement in our S. S. work, that by the *intrinsic merit* of our S. Schools as well as from the importance of the work itself, our people may be brought to take part in the S. S. more generally.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

While your committee appreciate the numerous advantages in the present system of education in our Public Schools, they nevertheless feel that there is a lack of some very important elements necessary to the training for the higher duties of this life.

1st. There is a lack of religious interest.

2d. A lack of earnest moral influence.

3d. A lack of maintaining Christian-like simplicity in fashions and customs, and

4th. A great deficiency in soul-saving interest.

In view of these facts, it is with grateful hearts that we witness the noble efforts of the North Chili Seminary to remedy the above evils, and supply the requirements that are lacking in other schools. We also learn with much interest that our brethren in Michigan are taking steps to form a similar institution. And your committee cordially and earnestly recommend that immediate action be taken for the establishment of a school of like character within the bounds of our Conference.

We cannot conclude this report without expressing our highest appreciation of the intellectual and purely moral and religious teaching of the Earnest Christian and Free Methodist papers.

V:—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Your committee, to whom was entrusted the preparation of a report on the subject of Secret Societies, have prepared the following, viz :

That we recognize in the secret orders of the day, the embodiment of principles contrary to, and in direct antagonism to the spirit and genius of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and calculated in their necessary action to supplant Christ in the hearts of men, and overthrow His Church in the world; and to foster wickedness and contempt of moral and legal restraints; to perpetuate barbarism, cruelty, and unjust discriminations among men. And that in these as in all *essential* features, whatever may be the peculiar phases or special modifications of any or all of them, they are essentially unchanged and unchangeable.

That, at this our annual gathering, we are glad to put ourselves again upon record as unmitigated in our Christian opposition to this modern Baal-ism.

We are consciously alive to the fact that the conflict with this power of darkness will be severe, it being strongly intrenched in place, power and prejudice, but we feel the obligation imperatively upon us to continue this battle of the Lord, and in so doing, will, wherever we can in a pure conscience, co-operate with all and every means in use to overthrow this evil; but as Christians we humbly and heartily recognize that our dependence is upon Christ, and that His grace must fit us for, and His arm and power give us the victory; that God in Christ, in this, as in all other things, may have the glory. To this end we recommend much prayer to God that He would specially help us in this matter.

The signs of the times have in them much encouragement.—The Almighty is stirring up the hearts of men. A voice is being heard in our land, and already it begins to command respect. Men in position are putting themselves upon record, and lines are being drawn. The battle is being set in array.

We recognize as valuable auxiliaries in this work, and recommend to our people, in addition to our own periodicals, viz : (The

Free Methodist and Earnest Christian, as specially devoted to this subject, The Chrystian Cynosure, The Reformer and The Methodist Free Press.

Praying the great Head of the Church to vouchsafe His special blessing to our prayers and labors for, and in this particular branch of our work, we, your committee submit the above.

VI.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

Our country abounds in literature. The press is one of the most potent agencies of the day for moulding the opinions and guiding the minds of men. Its power for good or evil can hardly be estimated, hence, the necessity of publications unquestionably good. The peculiarity of the issues upon which we as a people have been thrust out, demand publications of a different character from any found outside our own Church. We want those that will fully represent us as a people in the matter of doctrines and usages. That will advocate our cause before the world, by defending and pressing our issues. That will be educators of our people, by leading the way before us in all things that will help to make us an enlightened Christian people, who shall be to our own Church, the Church of God in general, and the world at large, all that God desires, and the world has a right to expect. We need publications that will furnish proper reading matter for our children, for their instruction and the cultivation of proper literary taste.

We are thankful that *The Free Methodist* is seeking to occupy this advanced ground; that our people appreciate it, and are giving it such a hearty support. But more can be done, and in proportion to the interest taken in the paper, by extending its circulation, and writing for its columns by our people, will the paper be improved. We are thankful that the *Earnest Christian* still keeps up its thorough evangelical character. We would urge our people to rally to its support by increasing its circulation and contributing to its pages.

We recommend that our preachers make an effort to place *The Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian* in every family under their charge, and in as many more as possible.

VII.—REPORT OF CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE.

Your committee held a Conference Camp-meeting according to instructions of the Conference, commencing June 19th, and closing the 26th of the same month.

The expenses of the meeting, including the traveling expenses of the preachers were more than met. The committee found on coming to the meeting, the lumber and the lamps had been well preserved, and the grounds well prepared.

A man was engaged to take care of the lumber, lamps, etc., until next meeting.

The committee approved of the method of running the camp-meeting, adopted by the Conference.

\$107.83 was raised by voluntary contribution, of which \$38.45 was paid the preachers, the amount of their traveling expenses, \$50.98 incidental camp-meeting expenses; \$10.00 for piling the lumber, caring for the lamps, cleaning the grounds, etc., for next year, leaving a balance of \$3.40, which was donated to the Benevolent Association.

The old lamps were distributed among the Districts, to be used at their local camp-meetings.

A vote of thanks was given J. M. Laughlin, and W. Morrison, for the use of the grounds and for waiving all claim for damages to the trees &c.

Although, owing to brevity of time at the last meeting of the committee, no vote was taken as to the propriety of holding another camp-meeting on the same grounds, yet it was understood that the majority at least was in favor of having it held there.

VIII.—ON BOUNDARIES.

Resolved, That the Minnesota Conference shall comprise the state of Minnesota, and that part of the state of Iowa, included by a line commencing at the Missouri on the 43d parallel; thence running east to the Iowa and Dacotah Division of the Milwaukee and St-Paul railroad, along said line to Boscobal in the state of Wisconsin; and the territory immediately adjacent to such line, thence by a line running north to the northern line of the state of Wisconsin.

IX.—ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions reported cash on hand, \$57 45

The Committee recommended the payment of \$40.00 to Bro. B. F. Doughty, and \$18.00 of the \$100.00 appropriated to Waterloo, to Bro. J. W. Dake.

The following appropriations for the coming year were recommended.

To Chas' A. Brandt.....	\$50 00
New Diggings, Wisconsin.....	50 00
Waterloo, Iowa.....	100 00
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.....	50 00

X.—ON CLAIMS.

The Committee on Claims reported \$122.82 on hand for superannated or worn out preachers, which was ordered paid to Rev. Judah Meade.

XI.—ON COLLECTING FUNDS FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The Committee reported \$25.15 collected.

Bro. Bailey made a verbal report as delegate to the Anti-Secret Society Convention at Oberlin Ohio, last June.

Post Office Address of the Preachers.

Name.	Post Office.	County.	State.
L. Bailey,	Aurora,	Kane,	Illinois.
J. Travis,	Lena,	Stevenson,	"
J. Meade,	Aurora,	Kane,	"
J. G. Terrill,	Chicago,	Cook,	"
J. Buss,	Fairfield,		Iowa.
M. V. Clute,	Elgin,	Kane,	Illinois.
C. E. Harroun, Sr.,	Winnebago,	Stevenson,	"
W. F. Manley,	Ashton,	Lee,	"
J. W. Cain,	New Diggings,	Grant,	Wisconsin.
D. M. Sinclair,	Whitewater,	Walworth,	"
W. W. Kelley,	Crystal Lake,	McHenry,	Illinois.
C. W. F. Frink,	Belvidere,	Boone,	"
B. F. Doughty,	Fairfield,		Iowa.
C. H. Underwood,	Aurora,	Kane,	Illinois.
N. E. Parks,	St Charles.	"	"
J. M. Y. Smith,	Aurora,	"	"
George C. Coffee,	Galva,	Henry,	"
L. Whitney,	Freeport,	Stevenson,	"
Silas A. Gilley,	Lodi,	Kane,	"
M. L. Vorheis,	Marengo,	McHenry,	"
E. Z. Thwing,	Marshall,	Dane,	Wisconsin.
T. B. Arnold,	Cedar Rapids,		Iowa.
C. E. Harroun, Jr.,	Atkinson,		Illinois.
W. A. Nobles,	Aztalan,		Wisconsin.
James Craig,	Geneva,	Kane,	Illinois.
Anson Steadwell,	De Witt,	Clinton,	Iowa.
Peter Chalmun,	Oneida,		

Names and Address of Local Preachers.

Name.	Post Office.	County.	State.
E. G. Wood,	Elgin,	Kane,	Illinois.
James Kelso,	Clintonville,	"	"
Wm. Morrison,	St. Charles,	"	"
Warren Tyler,	Aurora,	"	"
James Billings,	"	"	"
J. Fletcher,	Geneva,	"	"
Geo. W. Perry,	Sycamore,	DeKalb,	"
Joseph Smith,	Woodstock,	McHenry,	"
Daniel Cross,	Whitewater,	Walworth,	Wisconsin.
Z. K. Allen,	Birmingham,	Va nB.,	Iowa.
C. E. Lum,	Marshall,	Dane,	Wiscon.
Adam Redman,	257 E. State st., Ch.,	Chicago,	Illinois.
E. S. Cook,	Cynosure O'c.,	Chicago,	"
Martin Campbell,	Camp. av., cr. W. Jackson st., Ch.,		"
James Thaxter Hult,	nr. N. av.,	"	"
Newell Day,	Harrison,		"

Peter Hoylin,	Salina,		Iowa.
David Goode,	Fairfield,		"
Peter Goode,	"		"
Lewis Mendenhall,	Wheaton,	Dupage,	Illinois.
Thos. Vipond,	Savannah,	Jo Davies,	"
Geo. Loomis,	Casey,	Guthrie,	Iowa.
—Pickett,	Bear Grove,	"	"
Warren Stannard,		"	"

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Michigan Conference,
HELD AT
Delta, Ohio, Commencing Sept. 25th, 1872.

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLED AT 2 P. M.

Rev. E. P. Hart, was elected President, *pro. tem.*, and opened Conference by religious services.

Rev. B. T. Roberts, Gen. Superintendent, arrived and took the chair, Friday, P. M.

Rev. L. J. Francisco was elected *Secretary*, and J. A. Wilson, *Assistant Secretary*.

At the call of the roll, 17 Preachers responded to their names, and 15 lay delegates presented certificates and took seats in the Conference.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—E. P. Hart, L. T. Frink.

On Publications—S. Roberts, B. R. Jones, J. W. Vickery.

On Missions—J. Ellison, W. R. Cusick, J. Jones.

On Secret Societies—E. P. Hart, J. W. Bell, J. Leisenring.

On Sabbath Schools—C. S. Gitchell, E. Mathews, H. Spears.

On Publication of Minutes—L. J. Francisco, B. R. Jones, L. F. Reed.

On Collecting Funds for Same—H. Sawyer, H. Ferguson.

On State of the Work—E. P. Hart, J. Ellison, S. Roberts.

On Education—E. P. Hart, B. T. Roberts, J. Jones, J. W. Bell, L. J. Francisco.

On Sanctity of Sabbath—G. A. Olmstead, W. H. James, J. A. Wilson.

On Temperance—E. Mathews, J. G. Witham, J. W. Vickery.

Committees of Examination for 1873,

Preliminary—J. W. Bell, G. A. Olmstead.

First Year—E. Mathews, B. R. Jones.

Second Year—J. A. Wilson, C. S. Gitchel.

Third Year—L. J. Francisco, L. T. Frink.

Fourth Year—E. P. Hart, W. R. Cusick.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this Conference?*

Preachers—E. P. Hart, John Ellison, J. A. Wilson, C. S. Gitchel, R. E. Wilcox, L. T. Frink, H. L. Jones, A. V. Leonardson, W. D. Bishop, H. Sawyer, B. R. Jones, W. H. James, Edward Mathews, W. R. Cusick, J. G. Witham, L. J. Francisco, E. E. Miller, Anson Omans, G. A. Olmstead, Septa Roberts, Wm. McKibby, C. H. Sage, J. W. Bell, C. F. Irish.—24.

Delegates—Henry Furguson, Horace Spears, M. D. L. Smith, A. D. Carrier, S. M. Marble, Jacob Leisenring, J. Williams, L. F. Reed, Joseph Jones, J. Plues, Wm. McKay, W. H. Flowers, V. Robinson, J. W. Sharp, James W. Vickery, Geo. Windust, John Wood, Stephen Ransom, T. Bradley, W. C. Jones, D. W. Tinkham, Wm. Nieman, H. G. Fellows.—23.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

Revs. B. T. Roberts, E. P. Hart, John Ellison, Septa Roberts, and laymen, A. D. Carrier, J. Jones, and J. W. Vickery.

3. *What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

G. R. Tompkins, Charles, Haynes, Toledo District; H. C. Ayres, J. W. Sharp, Cincinnati District; Francis Gordon, S. M. Marble, E. M. Town, Grand Rapids District.

4. *Who remain on trial?*
C. A. Cusick, Wm. Mabbs, Scott Marshall.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
C. H. Sage, J. W. Bell, C. F. Irish, and E. Leonardson.
6. *Who are the Deacons?*
J. W. Bell, E. Leonardson, C. F. Irish, Hiram Bird, Geo. Wood,* Jacob Leisenring.
7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*
B. R. Jones, W. H. James, W. R. Cusick, E. B. Williams,* D. D. Gitchel,* Edward Mathews.
8. *Who have located this year?*
Russell A. Wilcox, and G. H. Compton.
9. *Who are the Superannuated, or worn-out Preachers?*
H. L. Jones.
10. *Who have been expelled?* None.
11. *Who have withdrawn?* None.
12. *Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation?*
Their characters were separately examined and passed.
13. *Who have died this year?* None.
14. *What is the number of churches, members, &c.?* (See Statistics.)
15. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?* (See appointments.)
16. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*
It was voted to hold the next (9th) Annual Session of this Conference, at St. Johns Clinton Co., Michigan, on the fourth Thursday of Sept., 1873, to commence at 9 o'clock A. M.

APPOINTMENTS.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—E. P. HART, *Chairman*.

Cleveland and Brunswick,.....	E. Mathews,
Mansfield and Windsor,.....	J. A. Wilson.
Toledo, Holland and Whitehouse,.....	W. H. James.
Delta,	C. S. Gitchell.
Fairfield and Blissfield,.....	A. V. Leonardson.
Ridgeway,.....	Supplied by D. D. Gitchel.
Petersburg,.....	H. C. Ayers.
Raisinville,.....	Supplied by George Windust.
Huron,.....	Charles Haynes.
Wayne,.....	H. Sawyer.

*Local.

COLD WATER DISTRICT.—E. P. HART, *Chairman*

Napoleon, Spring Arbor and Concord,.....L. J. Francisco.
 Ransom,.....C. F. Irish.
 Coldwater and Burr Oak,.....L. T. Frink, C. A. Cusick.
 Waverly and Lawrence,.....E. Leonardson.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.—JOHN ELLISON, *Chairman*.

Coopersville,.....J. W. Bell.
 Saranac,S. Marshall.
 Orleans,.....A. Omans.
 Montcalm,.....E. M. Town.
 Courtland,.....S. M. Marble.
 Ensley,.....S. G. Witham.
 St. Johns,.....William R. Cusick.
 Isabella,.....E. E. Miller.
 Farrandville and Saginaw,.....Wm. Mabbs.
 Flint and Forest,.....C. H. Sage.
 Gaines,.....G. A. Olmsted.

INDIANA DISTRICT.—S. ROBERTS, *Chairman*.

Cincinnati and Lawrenceburg.....G. R. Tompkins.
 Evansville and Fort Branch.....B. R. Jones.
 Tippecanoe.....S. Roberts, one to be supplied.
 Westville and Indian Point.....J. W. Sharpe.
 Ann Arbor.....S. C. Stringham, Supply.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

1. Rev. Lewis Bailey, Editor of the Free Methodist, Rev Mr. Love, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Mr. Ward, of United Brethren Church, were introduced to the Conference.

2. It was voted to hold a Conference Camp meeting the ensuing year, and the district chairmen were designated a committee to fix time and place for holding the same.

3. Rev. Wm. McKeeby, of the M. E. Church, was received into full connection, his ordination as an Elder recognized, and he was assigned a supernumerary relation to the Conference.

4. Br. Bailey was invited to a seat as an honorary member of the Conference.

5. Members on trial were admitted to seats as honorary members.

6. The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That preachers having charge of circuits, read their Statistical Report in connection with the examination of their characters.

7. D. D. Gitchel, Hiram Bird, Geo. Wood and A. W. Jackson, were admitted as honorary members.

8. It was voted that the classes in the various courses of study be required to meet the examining committees, one day previous to the commencement of the next annual session of the Conference.

9. The Rev. Mr. Sellew, of the Genesee Conference, and Rev. Mr. Todd, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

10. The character of the Rev. W. D. Bishop, was passed, and he was appointed to Missionary work in California.

11. H. L. Jones was assigned a superannuated relation.

12. R. A. Wilcox and G. H. Compton examined, and characters passed, and assigned local relations at their own requests.

13. It was voted that the report of the committee on publications be published in the Free Methodist and in the Earnest Christian, if deemed admissible by the Editor.

14. The Conference, by a unanimous vote, requested Br. Roberts to, as soon as practicable, publish a book, to be composed of articles selected from the Editorial department of the *Earnest Christian*.

15. The Conference requested President Roberts to occupy the remaining half hour of the Saturday morning session in a Pastoral address. Bro. R. thereupon proceeded to address the Conference on the "Best preparation for promoting the work of God among us"—especially insisting on two qualifications, viz: 1st. A sense of great personal responsibility; and 2d. Such a spiritual state as will enable us to call down the Holy Ghost.

16. An addenda to the report on education, pledging the earnest, hearty, and active co-operation of the Conference to the committee, provided for in said report, in case they proceeded to establish a school, was passed by a rising vote.

17. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That no camp-meeting be held on grounds not under our exclusive control, and that chairmen publish, both from the pulpit and in the paper, that the legal provisions in relation to huckstering, will be enforced.

18. The committee on Secret Societies presented as their report, the report of the Conference on Secret Societies, of last year's, which was adopted.

19. A missionary appropriation of \$50, was voted to Isabella Mission, (Bro. E. E. Miller) for the ensuing year.

20. It was voted that the missionary monies be paid to Bro. Hart.

21. A resolution was adopted concurring in the action of the Susquehanna and Genesee Conferences, recognizing the Executive Committee, elected by the several Annual Conferences just prior to the last General Conference.

22. The chairman of the Educational Committee, provided for in the report on education, stated that Spring Arbor, Jackson Co., Michigan, had been selected as the location at which to establish a school, and requested members and others to contribute towards its establishment.

23. Whereupon, old pledges were renewed and new ones made, amounting, in the aggregate, to about \$2,000.

24. It was voted that the chairmen of districts report their receipts to Conference.

25. At the close of the Saturday evening session, a vote of thanks to the citizens of Delta and vicinity, for their hospitality to the Conference, was passed, the appointments were read, and the Conference adjourned, *sine-die*.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, Intemperance with its attendant evils increases, and
Whereas, It is sanctioned by civil law and popular sentiment to a great extent, and

Whereas, In instances known to us Churches, which formerly raised their voices against this *Father of vices*, and made buying, selling or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity, a bar to membership, now wink at it; and

Whereas, In cities, towns and villages, where this traffic is carried on, it is difficult to maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath or religious services; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That in every possible way, both by precept and example, in public and private, we as a Conference use to the utmost, our influence to suppress and destroy so vile an enemy.

2d. That it be required of our brethren in the ministry, either to preach or lecture on the subject during this Conference year, showing its blighting, pernicious and damning effects; also to discountenance it and oppose it in its various forms.

3d. That we will by ballot and means, support and help every

institution void of secrecy, and open in its deliberations, to overthrow and exterminate intemperance.

4th. That we condemn the raising of tobacco, as a business that ought not to be engaged in by men professing to be the followers of Jesus, and pledge ourselves to oppose such a practice; also the selling or using it, or opium, with all other stimulants which cannot be used to the glory of God.

II.—ON MISSIONS.

Every Christian is a missionary. The commission given to the Apostles was "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Every Christian Church is a missionary society. Whenever the Church ceases to have a missionary spirit it ceases to be a Christian Church. The duty of every gospel minister is to preach the gospel to the destitute, the poor and forsaken, and the duty of the Church is to encourage them in so doing. This will demand the sacrifice of time, ease, talent and money. The duty of every child of God is to contribute thereto to the extent of his ability. We are glad to see our people engaged as much as they are in this cause, yet more might be done. We believe our Church too generally express an unwillingness to let their preachers go out on to new grounds. To remedy this evil, we admonish our societies in the love of God, so to be filled with the Spirit of Christ that they will be not only willing to let their preachers go out in to new fields of labor, but will encourage them in so doing, and stay up their hands, both by their prayers and by administering to their wants. A failure here would defeat the object for which God raised us up, mainly to spread Scriptural Holiness over these lands.

During the last year our mission collections should have been much more than they were. In view of this deficiency, and to facilitate the work of God, it is

Resolved, That during the third quarter of the coming year, all our ministers take up collections on their respective circuits and bring the same to the coming Conference.

IV.—ON THE SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

Our Father, of eternal Goodness and Wisdom, has given the world the Sabbath as a necessity. It has been shown, on great public works, that men can do more work in a given time by observing the Sabbath, than by working all the time. Also companies, in making long journeys overland to California, have made the journey sooner, had better health, and both *men and animals* got through in very much better condition, than companies that did not rest every seventh day. Sabbath desecration opens *wide* the gate for intemperance and all manner of profligacy. The family that disregards the Sabbath, is losing everything. The Church, that is not careful to observe the Sabbath, is also careless in other things. Any people observing the sabbath law, even outwardly, are a moral people. That foreign, Popish element in our

country, that ignores our sabbath laws, and would, at the same sweep, snatch the Bible from our families and Schools, is a drunken, reckless element and a vast expense to our nation. As the great evils of sabbath breaking are growing rapidly upon us; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we carefully instruct all our people on the observance of this law of God. That we show them the impropriety of doing secular duties that may be done on other days: Such as shaving, blacking boots, cutting hair, preparing wood, salting animals, going to the post office, making calls &c.

Resolved, 2d. That we are opposed to all worldly amusements, excursions, and secular business meetings on the Sabbath. We also further

Resolve, 3d.—That we will exert our influence, as a people, against Sabbath desecration by Railroad Companies, Street Car Companies, Beer saloons, Dancing Halls, Billiard Tables, &c. also all Sabbath day huxtering on the camp grounds.

V.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

The mind is susceptible of good and evil impressions. Hence every possible effort should be made to educate the people in the principles of truth. Their minds are being poisoned with fictitious literature. To counteract their pernicious influence there must be a liberal circulation of that which is pure and wholesome. There are publications that dare oppose some of the grosser immoralities, but there is a growing demand for periodicals that attack sin in every form—that remonstrate against *all* the corruption of both principle and practice. *Pure, uncontaminated Gospel Truth* is alone adequate to the necessities of the age. Too many publications are controlled by a base, man-pleasing spirit; they offer no rebuke to the tide of worldliness and formality that is sweeping thousands on to endless torment. They fear to “cry aloud and spare not,” and show the people their sins.

In this respect our duty as a people is manifest. To utter plain truths, to unfold the Gospel of Christ, and thus advance the greatest good of the masses, is our highest calling. From this holy mission God forbid that we should ever shrink.

The foundation upon which we base our denominational distinctions is worthy the confidence of every true Christian. Hence the importance of spreading these sacred principles to the utmost of our ability. Although we are laboring to fill our pulpits with zealous and holy men—men who are fearless in their ministrations, yet there is another medium through which our facilities for advancing the Redeemer’s Kingdom are greatly enlarged. We refer to our weekly and monthly publications. We are fully satisfied that every issue of the *Free Methodist* and *Earnest Christian* speaks volumes in favor of the pure Gospel which we, as a people, claim to represent. Shall we not hail with joy the speedy dawn of that day when such periodicals as these shall circulate throughout the length and breadth of our land, and from every breeze shall echo the glad tidings, *Truth is triumphant!*

But let us bear in mind that success in this noble enterprise can be achieved only by immediate and constant action. For several years the *Free Methodist* has been shifting hands and laboring under great financial embarrassments. Although some of us have labored faithfully to extend its circulation, yet there must be a more general and systematic action on the part of ministers and laymen who are interested in its success.

Resolved, 1st. That we take pleasure in expressing our unqualified approval of the present mechanical appearance of the *Free Methodist*, its high spiritual tone, and its pointed and glowing editorials.

2d. That while we regard it as the organ of our Church, we are in duty bound to contribute to its columns, and assist in extending its circulation to the best of our ability.

3d. That, since we are aware that mere resolutions are of little or no assistance in the prosecution of this work, we will procure a list of all the delinquents on our several circuits, and urge the immediate payment of all arrearages.

4th. That we still regard the *Earnest Christian* as an efficient agent in the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and extend to it for the future, as well as past, our hearty God speed, and earnest support.

VI.—ON S. SCHOOLS.

Whereas, According to Scripture and our conviction, the instruction and training of children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," is a part and an essential part, of the work committed to the primitive Church; and

Whereas, Christ by example, Matt. xix. 13-14 and precept, manifested a care over children, and also commanded Peter to "feed His lambs."—John xxi. 15; and

Whereas, Churches whose present practices have degenerated, so as to present to the public little more than a corruption of ceremonies and ritual observances, that have no efficacy to purge us from our old sins, make special efforts to sustain themselves by disciplining, and training children up to fill their churches, not through getting them saved from sin, but acquainted with their government; and

Whereas, As inducements to the children they adopt all manner of amusements, which are unscriptural and calculated only, so far as we are able to judge, to foster pride, deception and other dispositions so hurtful to children and grown persons; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we, as a Conference, be more earnestly engaged in S. S. work, and we recommend our chairmen of the various districts, to pay attention to this work in connection with Quarterly Meetings, and Camp-meetings, and hold a special meeting wherever and whenever practicable, for the instruction and conversion of children, or delegate some one who in their judgment is capable of said work.

3d. That the preachers be requested to hold such services on

their circuits as shall promote the work in this specialty. Preach to the children and question them, always aiming at getting them to Jesus so that He may lay His hands on their heads and bless them.

3d. That in this work as in preaching, those who instruct shall avoid awkward and vulgar phrases, and have their conversation as becometh holiness. The adage is: "The way the twig is bent the tree inclines."

4th. That we exert ourselves to organize as many F. M. S. S. as possible. We at the same time hold to our peculiar doctrines and teach them, strenuously opposing sociables, pic-nics, and the amusements, whose name is rightly Legion, seeing that, he that suffereth sin upon his neighbor is condemned.

VII.—ON SCHOOLS.

We still feel the need of a school devoted to the promotion of earnest Christianity, and sound, solid learning. The effort to establish such a school at Spring Arbor, last year, was not prosecuted to success, owing to various causes. There is still, we understand, a good opening there, and we recommend the appointment of a committee to establish such a school as we need, either there or in any other place which may offer, in their judgement, superior inducements and advantages. This committee shall consist of the following persons: E. P. Hart, L. J. Francisco, C. S. Gitchel, E. Ellison, Charles Mattice, J. B. Allen, J. C. Gates. This committee shall have full power to establish the school, secure an incorporation and employ teachers, provided they shall proceed no farther nor faster than the means placed at their disposal, or secured by good subscriptions, will warrant so as not to bring the Conference in debt.

In case the committee proceed to establish a school we pledge to them our earnest and hearty co-operation.

MINUTES
OF
THE MINNESOTA
AND
Northern Iowa Conference.

A meeting was held on Friday, October 11th, 1872, at the Stone School House near Plymouth, Cerro Gordo Co., Iowa, for the purpose of organizing a Minnesota and Northern Iowa Annual Conference.

Rev. B. T. Roberts, General Superintendent, presided.

Meeting was opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer by the President.

C. M. Damon was chosen Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *What are the names of preachers and delegates having a seat in this Conference?*

Preachers—T. S. LaDue, C. M. Damon, S. H. Greenup, S. P. LaDue, J. P. Shattuck, Timothy B. Chase, Nelson Cook.

Delegates—J. W. Landon, J. M. Cook, Geo. Enney, Jacob Newstrong, John Ball.

2. *Who are the Stationing Committee?*

B. T. Roberts, T. S. LaDue, John Ball.

3. *What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

J. Bridell, John S. Bradley, E. N. Sumner, John C. Norton, Stephen Emery, C. W. LaDue, J. M. Cook, John Ball, A. W. Childs.

4. *Who remain on trial?* None.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

J. P. Shattuck, S. H. Greenup, S. P. LaDue, Timothy B. Chase, Nelson Cook.

6. *Who have been elected and ordained Deacons?* None.

7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*

J. P. Shattuck, John Ball.

8. *Who are superannuated or worn out preachers?*

Nelson Cook, without a claim.

9. *Who have located this year?* None.

10. *Who have been expelled?* None.

11. *Who have withdrawn?* None.

12. *Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

The character of each was passed.

13. *Who have died this year?* None.

14. *What is the number of Church members?*

Members.....160

Probationers.....47-207

No collections reported.

Number of Sunday Schools.....4

Number of Officers and Teachers.....23

17. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?* See appointments.

18. *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*

At Havanna, Minnesota, 2d Thursday in October, 1873.

STATIONS OF THE PREACHERS.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.—T. S. LADUE, *Chairman*.

Pine Island and Cannon Falls. E. N. Sumner, J. Bridell, S. Enney.

Havanna and Waseca.....S. P. LaDue, J. C. Norton.

Clinton Falls.....T. B. Chase.

Fairmount and Mapleton.....H. W. Childs, J. S. Bradley.

Albert Lea.....J. P. Shattuck.

LaCrosse Valley.....To be Supplied.

Pleasant Valley.....“ “

NORTHERN IOWA DISTRICT.—T. S. LADUE, *Chairman*.

Plymouth and Charles City....C. M. Damon, C. W. LaDue, J. M. Cook.

Forest City.....S. H. Greenup, J. Ball.

COMMITTEES.

Sunday Schools—C. W. LaDue, John Norton.

Secret Societies—C. M. Damon, S. H. Greenup, J. Ball.

Temperance—S. P. LaDue, S. Bradley.

Publications—E. N. Sumner, S. Enney.

Education—T. S. LaDue, C. M. Damon, C. W. LaDue.

ON EXAMINATION OF STUDIES.

Preliminary Course—J. P. Shattuck, C. M. Damon.

First Year's Course—S. P. LaDue, J. Ball.

Fourth Year's Course—T. S. LaDue, S. H. Greenup.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A collection of \$4.80 was taken up for the purchase of a book for Conference Records, and placed in the hands of the Secretary.

Resolved, That the Stationing Committee be requested to divide this Conference into two Districts, to be under the supervision of one chairman, who shall labor as an Evangelist.

Resolved. That candidates for examination of studies next year, appear the day before the opening of the Conference, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the place of Conference meeting.

Resolved, That our Minutes be published in connection with those of the other Conferences.

J. Ball appointed a committee to take a subscription for copies of the Minutes. Reported \$8.00.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**—ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.**

We have not been sufficiently interested in Sabbath Schools, and in the religious training of the young. Satan is on the alert, for their ruin. The world, and worldly churches, were never so strong in temptations to lead the young in the same broad way of pleasure and vanity they themselves are traveling. The golden opportunity, for impressing our children and youth in favor of true religion, is swiftly passing: Therefore,
Resolved, 1st.—That we will organize Sabbath Schools wherever possible.

2d. We will, as preachers, more faithfully observe Section XIV page 77 of Discipline. We advise that a portion of the time, at

our Quarterly Meetings, whenever practicable, be devoted to this interest.

3d. That we will everywhere talk affectionately and plainly with children and youth, on their souls' salvation; remembering that our Sabbath School and other efforts, should aim alone at this.

4th. That we will not purchase libraries of books, as they are almost invariably made up largely of fiction, but take papers, as Little Crumbs, Good Words, Good Cheer, and Every body's paper which are free from fiction, and full of beautiful reading.

2th. That none but the religious and serious be allowed as officers and teachers in our Sunday Schools.

6th. That we discountenance all picnics and prize giving.

7th. That we hold a S. S. Convention, some time next spring, the time and place to be fixed by the Chairman and S. S. Superintendents.

II.—ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

Our conviction, of the evil tendencies of all secret societies, is intensifying; Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. We will labor for the circulation of the Christian Cynosure, and of anti-secret tracts and books.

2d. We will, striving to be led by God's Spirit, preach and lecture against them.

3d. We will, as far as we consistently can, encourage and sustain anti secret societies and conventions, and secure the services of those who devote themselves to lecturing against them.

III. ON TEMPERANCE.

We are alarmed at the ravages of intemperance. The worse than waste of \$600,000,000.00 annually in the U. S. for intoxicating drinks, the growing habit upon multitudes of young men, the determination and arrogance of the liquor power, over-riding law, influencing politics, encouraging Sabbath breaking,—all excite our solicitude and alarm. Many of the agencies used to stay this tide have been impotent, and especially the secret temperance organizations, which have become the laughing stock of the intemperate, and nurseries of Free Masonry and Odd Fellowship, and frivolity and vanity. Therefore

Resolved, 1st. We will use our influence for stringent legislation against this evil.

2d. We will labor earnestly against it by preaching and organized effort.

3. That none of our members raise, for sale barley or hops, with the probability that they will be used in brewing.

4th. That no fermented wine be used by us for sacramental purposes.

5th. That we testify our disapproval of that filthy species of intemperance, known as tobacco-using, by kindly and firmly enforcing our disciplinary rule on tobacco, in the cases of those who belonged to us before the adoption of the rule, as well as of those who may desire to join us.

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS.

We are more than ever satisfied with our periodicals, the Free Methodist and Earnest Christian. We admire the plain and beautiful forms in which the Free Methodist is published, and above all the out-spoken and uncompromising course of Editors. Let us remember that money is required to conduct these invaluable publications; therefore we will put forth more earnest effort for their circulation, as thereby we shall sustain them, and scatter precious truth over the land. We advise our people to plentifully supply themselves with back numbers of the Earnest Christian, and with Free Methodist and anti-secret and anti-tobacco tracts for distribution.

IV.—ON EDUCATION.

We rejoice in the growing prosperity of the Chili Seminary. We rejoice that a school has been established where our children can be well instructed at a most reasonable expense, where they are free from many temptations incident to most of boarding Schools, and where the influences of pure religion are powerfully brought to bear upon them. We sympathize with the Principal and teachers of this institution, in their self-denying labors, and we pledge to it our hearty and substantial support.